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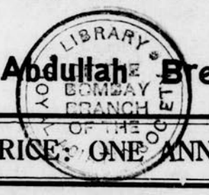

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GOVT. WILL SOON BE DISILLUSIONED,

—SAYS MAHATMA.

Jail Delivery Alone Won't Help War Effort

INDIA'S STATUS IS ONE OF A BOND SLAVE

WARDHA, Dec. 4.

"As I have said before the event I repeat after the event that so far as I am concerned the Government of India's decision cannot evoke a single responsive or appreciative chord in me", says Mahatma Gandhi in a special interview on the Government's decision to release Satyagrahi prisoners.

He adds: "If the Government of India is confident of the full support of India to war efforts the logical conclusion will be to keep Civil Disobedience prisoners in custody because they produce a jarring note. The only meaning I can attach to the release therefore is that the Government of India expects the prisoners to have changed their opinion regarding their self-invited solitude. I am hoping that the Government of India will soon be disillusioned".

IT IS FOR THEM TO DECIDE

Mahatma Gandhi proceeds, "The Congress President is expected to be out and it is for him to consider whether and when to call the Congress Working Committee or the All-India Congress Committee. These two bodies will determine the future policy of the Congress. I am but an humble instrument of service in conducting Civil Disobedience."

"I cannot rejoice over the Government of India's decision," concludes Mahatma Gandhi.—A.P.

LET CONGRESS DECIDE FUTURE POLICY

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 4.

"I have said before the event, I must repeat after the event, that so far as I am concerned, it cannot evoke a single responsive or appreciative chord in me," said Mahatma Gandhi, in the course of an interview to the Associated Press this afternoon on the Government of India's 'communique' regarding the release of political prisoners.

Mahatma Gandhi continued: "From my student days onward, I have been and still claim to be a friend of the British people. But my friendship cannot blind me to the fact that British representatives hold India as a bond slave. All the freedom that India enjoys is the freedom of a slave, and not the freedom of an equal which is otherwise known as complete independence.

AMERY'S CHILLIES

Mr. Amery's pronouncements do not soothe festering sore, but they are like sprinkling chillies on it.

"It is in that setting that I am called upon to examine this release. If the Government of India are confident in their determination of all responsible opinion in India to support the war effort, the logical conclusion would be to keep the Civil Disobedience prisoners in their custody, because they produce a jarring note. The only meaning I can attach to the release, therefore, is that they expect that the prisoners will have changed their opinions in their self-invited solitude. I am hoping that the Government will be soon disillusioned.

NO DELIVERANCE FOR INDIA

Disobedience was not taken up without the most careful consideration. It was certainly not taken up out of any vindictiveness. It was taken up, and I hope, will be continued, in order to make good the claim of the Congress to let the British people and the world know that there is, at the very least, a large body of public opinion represented by the Congress which is utterly opposed to participation in the war, not because it wishes any disaster to the British arms or victory to the Nazi or Fascist arms, but because it sees no deliverance from blood guiltiness, either for the victor or for the vanquished, and certainly no deliverance for India out of this war. The Congress which seeks

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JAWAHARLAL FOR LUCKNOW

Will Issue Statement After Meeting Gandhiji And President

DEHRA DUN, December 4.

Soon after his coming out of jail, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had almost a shock when a five-year old girl came suddenly in front of his car while attempting to cross the road near Municipal Board Office.

Pandit Jawaharlal was relieved immensely when he found the girl had a miraculous escape.

Pandit Jawaharlal jumped out of the car picked up the shocked girl in his arms and felt extremely happy at her lucky escape.

Pandit Jawaharlal did not make any statement as for more than a year he has been not in touch with current events. He is expected to make a statement after meeting Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Mahatma Gandhi and other Congress leaders.

In the afternoon Pandit Jawaharlal addressed a meeting of local Congress workers informally at the residence of Kurshedlal when he emphasised the need for strengthening the Congress organisation, he said: "They needed discipline, courage and a powerful organisation if their cause was to succeed.

Pandit Jawaharlal left for Lucknow tonight by the Howrah Express. He will stay at Lucknow for a couple of days and meet Provincial workers and then he will proceed to Allahabad.—A.

Dhulia Releases

(From Our Correspondent).

DHULIA, December 4.

Messrs. D. L. Adhyapak, (Belgaum) G. G. Joshi, (Kalyan) Mangubhai M.L.A., (Shahada) Bhaurao Master (Sakri) Dr. Chhaganlal Thalner (Saundade) Dhulia Satyagrahis have been released before completion of their terms of sentence according to the Government orders.

Nasik Releases

NASIK, December 4.

Fifty-one Congress Satyagrahis detained in the Nasik Road Central Prison were released this afternoon. Among them was Dr. Soman of Satara M.L.C. and the Deputy President of the Bombay Legislative Council.—A. P.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad left for Calcutta after his release from jail.

AZAD MUM ON CURRENT POLITICS

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 4.

Approached by the Associated Press, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad declined to give an interview saying that he would rather not state anything now.

When it was suggested to him that it would have been better if he could have stayed on in Allahabad for a day, so that he could meet Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who might arrive here to-morrow, Maulana Azad said that after all they were going to meet very soon shortly, thus probably hinting at the imminent meeting of the Working Committee.

He said he would decide upon his programme at Calcutta and that he would be going to Wardha shortly.

The Maulana refused to be drawn into any discussion of the present Indian political situation.—A. P.

Makes "No Difference" Says Mrs. Naidu

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) December 4.

Interviewed on the Government of India's decision to release Civil Disobedience prisoners, Mrs. Naidu, member of the Congress Working Committee, said that this move of the Government made no difference to matters as they stood at present. She said that she had nothing further to add, as Mahatma Gandhi was there to decide on this matter.

MOHD. YACUB KEEPS MUM

Sir Mohamed Yacub, member of the Council of State and Reforms Adviser to the Nizam's Government, who arrived here yesterday after attending the session of the Council. Declined to comment on the decision to release Satyagraha prisoners.—A. P.

Pant Says "Releases Are Immaterial"

LUCKNOW, Dec. 4.

"Releases are immaterial", says Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, Ex-Premier of U. P., in a message to the Press.—A. P.

Orders For Release Of U. P. Leaders

LUCKNOW, December 4.

It is understood orders have been passed for the release of Babu Purshottamdas Tandon, Speaker of the U.P. Assembly, and Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, former Minister, undergoing imprisonment as security prisoners in Fatehgarh and Gorakpur jails respectively.

With regard to other releases covered by the Government of India's Communique, orders are being issued.—A. P.

CONGRESS CABINET TO MEET

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 4.

It is reliably understood from political circles here that the A. I. C. C. and the Congress Working Committee will shortly meet at Bardoli. It is further learnt from workers who arrived from Wardha that Mahatmaji is also in favour of calling A. I. C. C. to review the whole situation and the Satyagraha movement in particular. The Working Committee is likely to meet in the middle of this month.

Sjt. Mahadev Desai arrived here this morning in connection with the labour day celebrations.

MEETING AT WARDHA?

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 4.

A meeting of the Congress Working Committee will be held soon. The date and the venue of the meeting have not been decided by the Congress President, but it is likely to be held shortly at Wardha.—A. P.

Will Amnesty Indicate Fresh Approach?

"LET INDIANS REACH BASIS OF FRIENDLY AGREEMENT FIRST: AMERY QUOTES VICEROY IN REPLY TO COMMONS' QUESTION

LONDON, Dec. 4.

The Secretary of State for India was asked by Mr. Sorensen (Labour), at question time in the House of Commons to-day whether "he intends to indicate to the people of India upon what democratic basis His Majesty's Government considers they are entitled to discuss and determine the future constitution of their country; whether he is aware of the numbers of Hindu, Muslim and other bodies including the Congress who support the principle of Constituent Assembly; whether he will announce the number of democratic bodies in India who do not support that principle and whether he intends to announce in the near future, any proposals or plans for modification or adaptation of the existing constitution of India?"

BASIS OF FRIENDLY AGREEMENT

Replying Mr. Amery said: "The intentions of His Majesty's Government with regard to the constitutional issue in India were set forth in a statement made by the Governor-General on August 8, 1940, which invited Indians to reach a basis of friendly agreement first upon the form which shall be taken by the post-war representative body which is the devised framework of India's future constitution and on the methods by which it shall arrive at its conclusions as well as upon the principles and outlines of the constitution itself".

FRESH APPROACH?

Mr. Sorensen:—Will he answer the question which I included in my general question regarding the bodies who supported the principle of Constituent Assembly and does the welcome news of the release of political prisoners in India indicate some fresh approach to this very difficult question?"

Mr. Amery:—I have mentioned the Muslim League. As regards the constitution I think that is fully covered by the answer I have given.—Reuter.

PETAIN'S SURRENDER

Nazis Get French Naval And Air Bases, But Not Vichy Fleet

LONDON, Dec. 4.

IT IS LEARNED ON RELIABLE AUTHORITY THAT THE PETAIN-GOERING AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT GERMANY SHOULD RECEIVE ALL NAVAL AND AIR BASES SHE REQUIRED IN NORTH AFRICA ON CONDITION THAT SHE WILL OCCUPY THEM HERSELF WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF THE FRENCH FLEET.

Reuter's correspondent on the German Frontier writes:—It is learnt on reliable authority that the following are the main lines of the Petain-Goering agreement:

French North and West Africa will be considered as separate zones.

In North Africa where the German needs are very urgent owing to the Libyan campaign Germany will receive all the naval and air bases she requires on condition that she occupies them herself without the assistance of the French Fleet.

West Africa will be ostensibly a zone of purely Franco-Spanish defence, but Franco-Spanish forces will be supplied with German war material and probably also camouflaged by German military assistance.

In compensation, Vichy will receive a certain number of war prisoners and a certain reduction of the Occupation Cost.—Reuter.

LITVINOFF FOR WASHINGTON

SAN FRANCISCO, December 4.

M. Litvinoff who is on his way to Washington to assume the post of Soviet Ambassador there arrived at Midway Island in the Pacific on Tuesday night. He is due to arrive here on Saturday.—Reuter.

Anglo-Abyssinian Agreement

NAIROBI:—The hope that an agreement will shortly be signed between Britain and Abyssinia was expressed by Haile Selassie in a statement issued today following the completion of the Gondar Campaign.+Reuter.

JAPANESE MISSION IN INDO-CHINA

VICHY:—Mr. Shigemiru Kurimaya, the Secretary-General of the Japanese Mission in Indo-China and right-hand man of Mr. Kenkichi Yoshizawa the Japanese Ambassador, left today for Tokyo, says a Tokyo telegram. He is expected to have "important consultations" in Tokyo on "the situation in Indo-China and the neighbourhood."—Reuter.

Azad's Tribute To Soviet Bravery

Nazi Offensive Against Moscow Slackens: Advance Eastward Halted

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 4.

A warm tribute to the heroic fight put up by Russia against the Nazis was paid by Maulana Abul Kalam, Congress President, in the course of conversation. He said that Hitler seemed to be determined on getting Moscow even at the cost of a few reverses in the south, and added "but these are not the days of Napoleon".

RUSSIAN DELIVERIES DISAPPOINTING

WASHINGTON: — Government officials admitted to-night that the lease and lend shipments to Russia arranged for under the 90,000 tons monthly programme fixed in October had so far been disappointing. Cargoes of raw materials and war equipment have not been assembled and cleared from Boston for Russian delivery according to schedule in October and November, but the officials stated that the flow of goods to Archangel would improve noticeably this month and would be approximately abreast of the schedule by January.

Nazi Offensive Slackens

MOSCOW:—A slackening of the German offensive on the flanks after 17 days attack against Moscow is reported by the "Pravda" special correspondent.

In the Klin direction the Germans have passed to the defensive and in the Stalinogorsk direction, the Germans are slowly retreating southwards, states the correspondent.

Battle For Tula

The correspondent adds:

In the Volokolamsk direction there were strenuous engagements with the Soviet troops making some progress and occupying several villages. The situation is still serious, however, in the Mojaisk direction. The Germans are trying to move eastward between the Volokolamsk and Mojaisk highway, states the correspondent. "The fighting in the Tula direction is growing in violence. The Germans are trying to take Tula at any cost. On Tuesday morning large tank, artillery and motorised infantry forces were massed by the enemy and violent battles began north-east of Tula. A German attempt to cross an unnamed river on Tuesday was repulsed with heavy losses for the Germans."

Enemy Repulsed In Donetz Basin

BERLIN:—A German High Command 'communique' from the Fuehrer's headquarters states: "In the Donetz Basin, strong enemy attacks have been repulsed with heavy losses for the enemy. Fresh attempts of the enemy to break out of Leningrad have been frustrated. The Luftwaffe destroyed a section of the Murmansk Railway and bombed Leningrad day and night.

The Finnish troops have occupied Hangoe. In its flight from Hangoe the 12,000 ton Soviet troopship "Stalin" struck a German-Finnish mine barrage and was damaged by three mines. Two German patrol boats with a total crew of 80 took the troopship in tow and brought it into a German base with 6,000 men aboard of all ranks together with a quantity of war material. In North Africa, no fighting of any great importance took place yesterday."

Nazi Advance Eastward Halted

KUIBYSHEV:—The German advance eastward from Kursk has been halted and two enemy divisions are now on the defensive. However, the situation on the southern western front is still dangerous especially owing to the German drive eastwards from Orel. Fighting there is stubborn. Kursk lies some 80 miles south of Orel.

Sensation In Saigon

Prominent Shipping Chief Arrested

SINGAPORE, Dec. 4.

Pascalis, head of the Messageries Maritimes Shipping Company for Indo-China has been arrested at Saigon, it is learned here.

The reason for the arrest is reported to be that he sent a full report with regard to the difficulties of the company in Indo-China as the result of the Japanese penetration. The report reached the Messageries Maritimes Head Office in France, after being opened by the British censorship.

Vichy is reported to have ordered his arrest for improperly posting confidential information so that it reached non-French hands.

FOUR LABOUR COMMONERS TO BE LORDS

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, December 4.

In order to give Labour Party better representation in the House of Lords, I understand, at least four Labour Commoners will be elevated to the Upper House in the New Year's Honours List. They include Col. Josiah Wedgewood, Mr. Price Phillips, Mr. Wedgewood Benn and perhaps Mr. J. R. Clynes.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Congressional Leaders Discuss Far East Situation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.

President Roosevelt and the Congressional leaders conferred for ninety minutes to-day.

They "thoroughly discussed" the Far Eastern situation "in connection with defence of our territories and our vital interests", declared Mr. McCormack, who is the House Majority Leader. Among others present were the Vice-President Mr. Wallace, the Speaker Mr. Rayburn, Senator George, Representative Bloom who is Chairman of the House, Foreign Affairs Committee.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

U.S. TANKER COUNTER-ATTACKS U-BOAT

WASHINGTON:—The Navy Department announce that the naval tanker "Salinas" which was damaged by a torpedo on October 30, in the North Atlantic counter-attacked and apparently damaged one of the submarines which launched five torpedoes at the vessel.—Reuter.

JAPANESE ENVOYS TO SEE HULL TO-DAY

WASHINGTON:—The Japanese Envoys have arranged to see Mr. Cordell Hull tomorrow, presumably to present Tokyo's reply to the United States' Note.—Reuter.

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The net profits shall for this purpose mean the net profits as defined in Sec. 87c.(3) of the Indian Companies Act.

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All That piece or parcel of Foras land, situate at Haines Road in the Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement two thousand four hundred and eighty-seven square yards or thereabouts but as per Collector's Records admeasuring 2728 square yards and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old Nos. 234, 237, New No. 12212, Old Survey No. Nil and New Survey No. 3153 and the cess whereof has been redeemed together with the buildings tenements and messuages standing thereon assessed by the Municipality under G Ward No. 1082 (1) and (2) and Street Nos. 21-23 2b, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 130 of Lower Parel Division and bounded as follows:—That is to say, on or towards the East by the property of Nanabhoy Madhavdas, on or towards the West by Haines Road, on or towards the North by the property of Dadoba Jagannath and Govind Babaji and on or towards the South by the property of Bhaskar Jagannath.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 1941.

CHANDRASEN & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. (6703)

G. I. P. RAILWAY

SPECIAL NOTICE.

RESTRICTION IN BOOKING BY 35 DOWN & 36 UP MADRAS EXPRESSES

IT IS NOTIFIED that with immediate effect, passengers holding third class tickets of all descriptions, viz., ordinary, mail, return or season tickets, from and to any station between Bombay (inclusive) and Dhond (exclusive) will not be permitted to travel by 35 Down and 36 Up Madras-Bombay Express trains. (6706)

Auction Sales

GANDHI & CO.

Government Auctioneers.

AUCTION SALE OF OFFICE FURNITURE, TYPEWRITER AND LAW BOOKS.

Messrs. GANDHI & CO., Auctioneers will sell by Public Auction on SATURDAY, the 6th December, 1941, at 2-30 p.m. (S. T.), at their Auction Rooms at No. 72, Medows Street, Fort, by order of Sha Meghaji Darjaji & Co., the Mortgagees and on account and at the risk of Mr. P. N. Vijaykar, Advocate, the Mortgagor:—

Office Furniture including Tables, Bench, Cupboard, Sofa, Portable Typewriter, one lot Law Books, etc.
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GANDHI & CO.,

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY
In Insolvency

NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND.

THE OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE of Bombay has declared a dividend in the following estates as per particulars mentioned below. The dividend will be paid on and after 15th instant to those creditors who have proved their claims. The Dividend Warrants will be posted to the addresses of the creditors as appearing in the records of this Office.

Serial No.	Insolvency No.		Name of Estates	Dividend declared	Rate of dividend declared in the Rupee
1	700/34	Re:	Jeewandas Vallabhdas & Co. (a firm).	First	3 pies
2	848/36	"	Dedraj Shriram Chachan traded as Dedraj Chachan.	"	1 "
3	50/38	"	Lowji Gopalji & Ors. traded as Dhirajlal Kanayalal & Co. and as Lowji Gopalji.	"	2 as. 6 "
4	327/38	"	Kantilal Manilal (a firm).	"	3 "
5	327/38	"	Chimanlal Bhagwanji Mehta & Nautamlal Bhagwanji Mehta the partners of the firm of Kantilal Manilal.	"	5 as.
6	367/38	"	Joseph Valentine Akers	"	7 1/2 "
7	50/39	"	Jamnadas Jivraj Bhatia.	"	2 1/2 "
8	236/39	"	Bhasker Ramchandra Nande.	"	2 "
9	1/40	"	Ardeshir Nusserwanji Todywalla	"	2 "
10	34/40	"	Sewaram Ramprasad (a firm).	"	1 anna 3 "
11	560/37	"	Shamrao Balkrishna Desai.	First & Final	2 as. 6 "
12	268/36	"	Mohanlal Laxmidas (Personal)	Second	2 "
13	434/37	"	Joshna Joseph Jhirad	"	1 anna 2 "
14	524/37	"	Abdul Karim Abud Obeid.	"	9 "
15	286/37	"	David Moses.	Second & Final	7 "
16	543/37	"	Cuddalore Kannan Mudaliar alias C. K. Mudaliar	"	1 anna 4 "
17	447/35	"	Surendranath Krishnaji Ranjit.	Third	6 "
18	776/35	"	Francis Agniar.	"	3 "
19	180/36	"	Edward Fredrick Lewis.	"	1 anna
20	794/36	"	Nusserwanji Byramji Motiwalla.	"	1 pie
21	271/34	"	George Arthur Augusto.	Fourth & Final	5 pies
22	583/36	"	Tukaram Pandurang Parab.	Pro-rata preferential distribution	3 as 6 "
23	47/40	"	Darasha Framji Jussawala.	Preferential distribution	16 as.

Bombay dated this 3rd day of December, 1941.
Official Assignee's Office,
High Court, Bombay.

R. S. BILIMORIA,
Official Assignee of Bombay. (6708)

Auction Sales

MENESSE & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF 32 BALES BERAR COTTON (Malkapur Derila)

Messrs. MENESSE & CO. will sell by public auction on Tuesday, the 9th December, 1941 at 2-15 P.M. (S.T.) at the Cotton Depot, Sewree, near the Cotton Exchange Room, by order of the Insurance Office concerned the above mentioned damaged Cotton.

MENESSE & CO

5th WEEK
FROM TO-MORROW
NAVYUG'S Scintillating Hit
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NEW WEST END

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Plans open: Book now
PRICES:—
Rs. 10/-, 7/-, 5/12, 4/8, 3/6, 2/4, and Gallery Rs. 1/2.
No Reservations by 'Phone.

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by
SHRI VISHNU PANT PAGNIS
(of Sant Tukaram).
with the staff of
Seven Musicians.
BALIWALLA GRAND THEATRE
SUNDAY, 7th December, 1941
at 10 o'clock in the Morning
Tickets: Rs. 3-6-0, 2-4-0, 1-12-0, 0-14-0, 0-7-0, 0-4-0
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Daily 4-15, 7 & 10 p.m.
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BRIMFUL WITH LIFE!
PRABHAT'S Lively Drama
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Now In SEVENTH Week
Is Praised like anything by leading ladies of all Communities.
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THE FUNNIEST MOVIE OF THE YEAR
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It's a RANJIT Comedy
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SUPER
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Now In Fascinating, Victorious
7th WEEK 7th
The Delightful Hilarious Comedy On Modern Love!
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'ROYAL' JEWEL No. 16.
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Now He is Fit to Join up Again!

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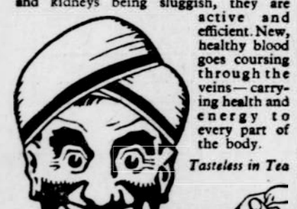

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To-day—Shows Nos. 280, 281 & 282
Daily 3 Shows—4, 7 and 10 p.m.
(AN EVERGREEN RELEASE.)

SPECULATIVE BUYING ON N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

Anticipation Of Half Cent Advance In Cloth Ceilings

MARKET OUTLOOK ENCOURAGING

BOMBAY, December 4.

On Wednesday the New York Cotton Market staged a sharp rise of about 1 1/2 dollar per bale on active speculation and trade buying in anticipation of half a cent per yard advance in cotton goods ceilings. General feeling is bullish but around 13 cents there will be increased hedge selling.

Prospects of record consumption of American cotton to the extent of about 10 1/2 million bales by U. S. Mills are now having their effect as most of the new crop is gathered. It is true that a large portion is firmly held by cottan growers in anticipation of higher prices and as prices advance there will be increased hedging but Mills will have to buy freely to meet their normal requirements.

NEW YORK MARKET

New York cotton advanced on Wednesday on Mill, trade and speculative buying in anticipation of half a cent per yard advance in cotton goods ceilings, strength of commodities and tightness of spot with offerings limited. There was scale-up spot house selling and profit-taking and the market closed firm.

Chicago grains advanced on general improvement in buying sentiment and the firm tone of Wall Street market with talk of less stringent foreign funds. Wheat prices advanced on firmness of spot market.

New York cotton March delivery opened 7 points up at 16.60 and declined to 16.58 which was the lowest level for the day. Thereafter there was persistent buying and March advanced to 16.82 which was the highest level. The session closed firm at a rise of 25 to 33 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 30 points at 17.67c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was firm with active buying and closed at a rise of 23 to 27 points. Spot cotton prices were raised 27 points at 17.06c. per lb.

LOACL SITUATION

Messrs. Anandilal Podar and Co. state:

Another sharp rise in cotton was witnessed yesterday in sympathy with the buoyancy in linked markets. The sentiment was aided by the unabated price upswing in seeds, gold, silver, shares and even in the long dormant sugar. Two reasons are attributed to this headlong optimistic craze, namely, apprehended "inflation" and the boarding inclination on the nearest danger to Indian cities, perhaps paralysing the transport. There is, no doubt, controlled inflation here as well as in U. K. and U. S. A. but to anticipate any unlimited inflation as happened in last war, is more presumptive than a possibility, since prospective heavy burden of taxation is still over-hanging in the next budget to curb it. Moreover, even after two years of war, no such unlimited inflation has been allowed in U. K. and America. Secondly, should the apprehended danger to our cities arise, no doubt, Government will immediately controll all commodities and ration them at reasonable prices as is the case presently in U. K. Therefore, both the reasons for the unprecedented bullish craze seem to be somewhat premature. Because, when people followed such speculative drive in normal times in 1929 in U. S. A. and in 1937 in U. K., to enable the crowd "to get-quick-rich", it resulted in a subsequent "crash."

Politically, the Japanese situation is highly fluid, as the reply to President Roosevelt is now awaited. It is stated that Japanese Prime Minister is expected to issue a statement on their policy next week. Last two days, American cotton has advanced on the settlement of labour disputes and more particularly the Government legislation to control strikes. In a sentiment ridden and violently fluctuating market, hazarding any definite opinion is as good as forecasting the weather, though momentarily there seems to be unbridled optimistic fervour

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest (2-39 p.m.)	16.82+29
New York March lowest (10-6 a.m.)	16.58+06

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:

New York: Market firm and active sellers holding back. Price Control Bill ineffective.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, December 3

December	16.50+25
January	16.61+30
March	16.81+28
May	16.94+27
July	16.99+31
October	17.03+33
Middling Spot	17.87+30

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, December 3

December	16.55+23
January	16.60+25
March	16.85+27
May	16.96+26
July	17.02+27
October	17.20+27
Middling Spot	17.06+27

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, December 3

Noon call

December	16.39
March	16.69

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTIC

New York, December 3

Day's receipts at all U S ports 13,000 bales

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, December 3

T T London on:	
New York	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
Madrid	40.50
Montreal	4.43/4.47
Berne	17.30/17.40
Stockholm	16.85/16.95

LONDON SEEDS

London, December 3

Rozario Santa Fe Dec/Jan sellers	22/6
Barletta Russo Dec/Jan sellers	22/7 1/2
South Australian Dec/Jan sellers	27/6

LONDON RUBBER

London, December 3

London smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb.	unquoted

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, December 3

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£69 1/2
Indian stock 3 per cent 1948	£92 1/4
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£99 1/8
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£82 3/16
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£106 7/8
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£104 7/8
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£114 5/8
Victory bonds 4 per cent	£114 1/16
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£9 1/4
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London Reg)	£77
National Bank of India	£36 1/2

LINSEED AND WHEAT

Bombay, December 4

Linseed May	9 11 3
Wheat January	6 4 0
Wheat May	7 6 3

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, December 4

Copper sheets lb. 21 Rs. 125; 28 118; 35 117; 42 116; 49-56 115.

Brass sheets Flag Brand lb. 20-21 Rs. 130; 24 127; 28 125; 35 120; 42 119; 49-56 118.

Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 72/75; Rosita Rs. 72; Country make Rs. 60; Pigiead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 24/8 per cwt.

Tin Ingot Penang Rs. 54/12 per qr.

Settlement rates:—

Copper sheets closed; Spelter 'P.H.' closed

Market tone: There were no forward dealings to-day on account of release of Pundit Nehru and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

COTTON TENDERS.

Broach A/M below New York May 719 cent points at 331

Indian Sugar Quiet On Selling Pressure

Bombay: December 3.

JAVA SUGAR: Since our last review during the earlier part of the week, market for ready and forward Bond delivery has remained steady with quotations unchanged. During the latter part, market however showed better tendency due to good enquiry from outsiders on account of the unfavourable political developments in the Far-East and business was reported for a few hundred tons at Rs. 12/12 to Rs. 13/4 for ready and January/March ex-Bond deliveries. At the close tone was very steady as after the above sales holders were not prepared to sell further at current rates as the arrivals from Java are not expected for some time and unsold stocks are now limited. As regards forward there were some enquiries for August/sept. and Dec/Jan. shipments at current rates but business was very restricted on account of uncertainty of shipments from Java due to scarcity of space. Java Exporters are at present not inclined to enter into fresh business as there is no possibility of securing freight in near future. At the close tone of the market was steady.

INDIAN SUGAR: During the week market for ready Indian sugar has continued to remain very quiet with downward tendency on account of some pressure of sales by weak holders in absence of any definite information from Lucknow regarding the Control Board meeting which was to have been held last week to consider the question of fixation of cane prices, production of current crop etc. On the whole prices recorded a decline of 2 to 3 annas per md. as compared with the closing quotation of the last week. At the close tone of the market was steady with an improvement of 2 to 3 annas from the lowest touched during the week. In Gola section market was steady with prices fluctuating within narrow limits. Arrivals during the week were estimated at 2500 tons and stocks at 8000 tons.

FOREIGN MARKETS: Java market was reported steady with Nivas limits unchanged for India at 7.50 Gilds. Business was practically at a standstill for India owing to uncertainty of securing space. As a matter of fact there is no news of any space in near future.

CALCUTTA & KARACHI: There was no interest in Java sugar in Calcutta and the quotation is nominal. In Karachi business is restricted to ready delivery for Overseas. In Indian sugar Calcutta market was reported quiet owing to some profit-taking sales. There was a decline of 2 to 3 annas as compared with last week. In Karachi market was reported quiet owing to unfavourable reports from Cawnpore. Tone was steady at the close.

Stocks of Indian sugar at the factories on 15/10/'41 were estimated at 9651665 mds. Returns are received from 115 factories. The crusning capacity of these mills is estimated at 78 per cent.

GENERAL: Local market for ready Java sugar is likey to remain unchanged. As regards forward position situation is extremely uncertain and will mainly depend on the political developments in the Far-East.

RICE CROP

The Department of Agriculture, Bombay has issued the following second memorandum on the rice crop of the Bombay Province (including Indian States) for the season 1941-42:

On an average of the five years ending 1939-40 the area under rice in the Territory included in this forecast has represented some 3.2 per cent of the total area under the crop in the whole of India.

The figures in this forecast relate to the rice crop sown between June and August, 1941.

(Estimates up to 15th November 1941)

Area.—The latest reports show the total reported and estimated area under the crop as noted below:—

	Bombay Province Acres.
British Districts	1,749,000
Indian States	513,000
Total	2,262,000

6.6 per cent and 6.9 per cent below the final revised area of the last year and the average actual area during the preceding ten years respectively. The area shows a general decline throughout the Province due mainly to insufficient rains at the time of sowing and transplanting except in the North Gujarat, and Gujarat and Karnatak States where only there was a slight increase.

SEASON.—In Gujarat, the crop suffered considerably due to want of adequate rains except in areas where irrigation facilities were available. The crop in the Surat district is reported to have almost failed in most areas and is estimated to return poor yields. In the Deccan, the crop was only fair as growth was retarded due to insufficient and uneven distribution of rain and the long spell of drought which affected the yield. The crop in Karnatak did not thrive satisfactorily during the season due to absence or deficiency of rains except the late varieties especially in the eastern areas where irrigation facilities were available. In the Konkan, the crop is reported to be not satisfactory owing to the inadequate rainfall and especially in parts of South Konkan and the Kolaba district the deficiency of rain has affected the yield considerably. Harvesting of early varieties has been completed but that of late varieties is still in progress.

Outturn.—As a result of the seasonal conditions described above, the rice crop in Gujarat is expected to yield between 37 and 45 per cent of the normal except in Ahmedabad District where it is expected to be 75 per cent of the normal. In Surat District the yield is reported to be poor and is expected to be only 15 per cent of the normal. In the Deccan the crop is estimated to return between 67 and 75 per cent of the normal except in the Sholapur District where it is expected to be only 50 per cent of the normal. In the Karnatak the crop may yield between 50 and 67 per cent of the normal except in the Belgaum District where it is expected to be 92 per cent of the normal. In Konkan, the yield is estimated to be 67 per cent of the normal except in the Thana District where it is likely to be only 56 per cent of the normal. The outturn of the crop in the Indian States should generally correspond to the yields likely to be secured in the neighbouring British tracts.

The total estimated outturn of the crop works out as shown below:

	Bombay Province Cwts.
British Districts	11,713,000
Indian States	3,557,000
Total	15,270,000

22.2 per cent and 25.6 per cent below the final revised outturn of the last year and the average estimated outturn of the actual area during the preceding ten years.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, December 3—

Broach A/M highest 252 lowest 246 closing 250

Oomra D/J highest 214 lowest 210 closing 213/8

Oomra March highest 202/8 lowest 197 closing 201

Bengal D/J highest 152 lowest 147 closing 151/12

Bengal March highest 155/4 lowest 150 closing 155

Bengal May highest 158 lowest 156/4 closing 158

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, December 4

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York.

London Spot silver was unchanged at 23 1/2d and forward quotation was also unchanged at 23 1/2d. New York spot silver was unchanged at 35 1/8 cents. London Bombay Spot and forward silver parity was Rs. 62-10-3. The local market was again firm with moderate buying and quotations were as under:

GOLD

Ready	Rs	46	8 0
Magsar		46	8 0
Posh		46	7 6
Sovereigns		31	3 0

SILVER

Ready		64	12 0
Magsar		64	12 0
Posh		64	14 6

LONDON SILVER

London, December 3

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD

London, December 3

Gold Bars Fine per oz	£8-8-0

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, December 4

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G Bengal U P		155	153	151	148
M G Punjab		155	153	151	148
M G Oomra No. 3	220	217	214	211	
M G C P No. 1	245	242	239	236	
M G C P No. 2	231	228	225	222	

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, December 4

Ready and Delivery Contract New:—

Bengal Fine Old 136-37; Ready 140

Berar Old 180-85 Dec Par Jan —2

C. P. 1 Old 222-25 Dec +23 Jan +21

C. P. Old 185-90

Khandesh Old 145-55

Mugiai Old 160-65

Broach Old 206-11

Broach Low Old 161-66

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay, December 4

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales.	Yesterday.	This year	Since 1st Sept. Last year
Khandesh	36	2,423	10,560
Central India	90	2,654	1,452
Barsi and Nagar	623	10,980	4,645
Hyderabad/Gaorani	46	169	801
Berar	1,156	13,899	18,819
Central Provinces	570	5,389	468
Total Oomras	2,521	35,514	36,745
Dholeras	125	11,431	2,344
N W Provinces	.....	949	3
Rajputana	.....	131	296
Sind-Punjab	.....	95,075	101,916
Broach	.....	12,903	4,254
Coompta & Dharwar	247	5,106	18,895
Westerns-Northerns	.....	5,331	17,713
Cocoanada	.....	.....	170
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	50	6,870	522
Total	2,943	173,309	182,789
Arrived by road to 27th Nov. 1941		11,500	18,000

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES

F P Bales	1941-42	1940-41
Receipts to date 3-12-41	1914000	2051000
Receipts yesterday 3-12-41	13000	13000
Export to date 28-11-41	466000	479000
Stock at Ports 28-11-41	3398000	3199000
Stock at Interior Towns 28-11-41	3337000	3284000
Quantity in sight 28-11-41	5712000	4902000

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, December 4

Fine White Java sugar per cwt.:

Java ready from Bond Rs. 13-8-0

African from Bond Rs. 13-0-0

Shipment September Rs 11-0-0 F B H

Indian sugars ready:

Ready (ordinary Rs. 16-0-0 to 16-12-0

Ready (large grain) Rs. 16-14-0 to 17-8-0

Bombay Group March delivery Rs 13-3-0

Tone: Firm.

SHIPPING NEWS.

IMPORTS

Bombay: Dec. 4.

12653 bags copra, 618 bags dry dates, 95 bags gum, 254 bags roots, 48 bags [illegible], 37 bags sardines, 32 bags dry prawns, 37 bags poppyseed, 653 cases wet dates, 100 c/s cutch, 54 c/s cotton pcegoods, 145 bdls goat hair, 72 bdls G I pipe, 36 bdls wool, 95 jottas rose water, 58 cts pomegranates, 33 H/chest tea, 100 nos G I pipe, 35 pcs Gurjan squares, 483 pcs eng scantlings, 1235 pkgs empty beer bottles, 2814 pkgs dry fruits, 134186 pcs and bdls teakwood timber, 977 bales cotton.

EXPORTS

Bombay: Dec. 4.

1200 bales raw cotton Anderson Clayton and Co; 34 bags Lailemantia seed Keshavji Virji and Co; 264 bags poppy seed Produce Dealers Ltd; 106 bags roots E Mavji and Co 172 bls cotton pcegoods mixed M Mackenzie and Co; 10 bls cotton pcegoods Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 27 bags gum N Devidas and Co; 325 bls cotton waste clean L O Vora; 300 bls cotton waste clean M Chandulal and Co; 200 bls cotton waste clean P D Vora and Co; 200 bls cotton waste clean Manubhai Narotamdas and Co; 100 bls cotton waste clean G M Vyas and Co; 75 bls cotton waste clean C Jairam and Co; 520 tons pig iron Tata Iron and Steel Co Ltd; 500 tons manganese ore James Finlay and Co Ltd; 150 tons manganese ore The Shivrajpur Syndicate Ltd; 500 bags soapstone Shaw Wallace and Co; 10 bls cotton pcegoods B Balwant and Co; 123 bls cotton pcegoods Ali Hamood Shayr; 50 bls cotton G M twist Ali Hamood Shayr; 510 bls raw cotton Arjan Khimji and Co; 200 bags Nux Vomica E Mavji and Co; 67 bags flea seed husk E Mavji and Co; 150 bags Fennugreek seed S D Dharsi; 27 bls D/s goat skins (raw) D Abraham and Sons; 33 bags cummin seed R Aminoff.

Widespread Rainfall In Malabar, Madras And Mysore

POONA, December 4

Rainfall has been widespread in Malabar, Mysore, Madras Deccan, and Southeast Madras. A few falls are also reported from Bombay Deccan, South Hyderabad and North Madras Coast. Chief amounts: Chitaldrug 4 inches; Bangalore 3; Mysore, Mercara, Ootacamund 1 1/2 each; Mangalore, Nellore, Bellary 1 each; Calicut, Cochin, Anantapur, Salem, 3/4 each.

Night temperatures have risen in Deccan, where they are generally 7 to 14 degrees Fahrenheit above normal.

Forecast until the 5th evening: Widespread rain likely in Malabar, Konkan and South Bombay Deccan and local rain in Mysore, Southeast Madras, Madras Deccan, North Bombay Deccan. A few showers are also likely in Hyderabad, Berar.

Heavy rainfall warning: Locally heavy rain is likely along South Konkan and Kanara Coast during the next 48 hours.—A.P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. of 4-12-1941.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours —.037 inches.

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 74.0 degrees.

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 62.0 degrees.

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 88.2 degrees 0.8 above normal.

Minimum temperature during 24 hours 70.0 degrees 0.4 above normal.

Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 47 per cent.

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. NNE.

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m 5 miles per hour.

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 122 miles.

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 14 miles per hour.

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 6

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 4-12-41.

At 8-7 a.m. local time 8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 77.6 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.05 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.86 inches.

For the correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

Indian Stock Exchange

Bombay, December 4

The market remained officially open today, but no transactions took place

No Trading In Shares, Cotton And Seeds

Bombay, December 4

All city markets were officially open today but on the news of the release of political prisoners, brokers refused to transact any business and the following markets were virtually closed:

The East India Cotton Association.
The Mahajan Association,
The Bombay Stock Exchange
The Seeds Traders' Association.
The Indian Stock Exchange

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

Madras: December 3.

The market moved somewhat hesitant and hesitant, especially in textile issues, where buying wave was not much in evidence. The closing was well below the best. Transactions reported from 12 noon yesterday to 12 noon to-day:—

Indian Overseas Bank 105, Sri Ranga Vilas 102, 105, Palni Andavar ordy 101, Janardhana 96, Mysore Silk Filatures 11/12, 11/11 Pankaja 205, 206, 204, Balasubramania Mills 89, Buckinghams ordinary 314, Murugan Mills 137, Cambodia 15, 14/14, Mysore Spun Silk 13/4, Vysya Mills 110, Rajagiri 9/15, 10 10/1, 10/2 Nelliampathy Hills ordy 2/8/6, 2/9, Tropical 27, s l 27/4, Highland New 30, Kalpettas 28/4, Velliamatams 25/14, Travancore Rubbers 13/4. Nilgiri Neergundi 3, Cottanad 9/11, Udaygiri 9/15, 10, 9/14, Ouchterloney Valley ordinary 3/11/6, 3/12, Chembra Peaks 6/3, Coonoor Tea ordy 7/8, Devon Tea ordinary 10/12, Devashola 10/12, Cochin State Power 9/2, India Sugar ordy 12/10, 12/8, Travancore Sugar 15/12 c-d, 16/2, Jeypore Sugar ordinary 13/4, Deccan Sugar 264, Mysore Lamps 12/8, 12/12 Mysore Chemicals and Fertilizers 19/10, Mysore Tobaccos 13/8 Singareni Colliers 11/8, Mettur Chemical ordinary 19/8, 19/10, 19/12, Mettur Chemical Deferred 6/2, 5/4, 7/8, Mysore Paper 18/14, 19 19/2 and Travancorian Preference 101, ex-d, Mysore Chemical Manufacturing 17/4, 17/5, Spencers B Preference 11/13, Spencers ordinary 7/8, Steel Rolling ordinary 8/8, 8/10.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, December 4

LONDON:—

Banks buying 90 days/8t 1/6 1/4 2 months
Banks buying 90 days/8t 1/6 9/32 Three months
Banks buying 90 days/8t 1/6 9/32 Four months.

B C RATES:—

T T 1/6 15/16; D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/6 31/32; D D 1/6 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32; D D 1/6 1/8

NEW YORK:—

Banks selling T T Rs 332 3/4; D D Rs 332 3/4.
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2; D D Rs. 328 1/2
Cross Rates Dol. 4.02 1/2; 3 1/2

MONTREAL:—

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2; D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 1/4; D D Rs 296 3/4
Cross Rates Dol. 4.43/47.

JAVA:—

Banks selling T T Gld 55 3/4; D D Gld 56
Banks buying T T Gld 57 1/2; D D Gld 57 1/2
Cross Rates Gld 7.58/62.

JAPAN:—

Banks selling T T not quoting; D D not quoting.
Banks buying T T not quoting; D D not quoting.
Cross Rates Sh. 1/2 1/2.

BERNE:—

Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4; D D nil.
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2; D D nil.
Cross Rates Fcs 17 30/40.

STOCKHOLM:—

Banks selling T T K 123; D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128; D D K 128
Cross Rates K 16.85/95.

SINGAPORE:—

Banks selling T T Rs. 158; D D Rs. 158
Banks buying T T Rs. 156; D D Rs 155
Cross Rates Sh. 2/4 5/32 1/32

HONGKONG:—

Banks selling T T Rs. 85 1/4; D D Rs. 84 1/4
Banks buying T T Rs. 81 1/2; D D Rs. 81 1/2.
Cross Rates Sh. 1/3 1/32

SHANGHAI:—

Banks selling T T not quoting; D D not quoting.
Banks buying T T not quoting; D D not quoting.
Cross Rates Sh. 0-3 3/16

MEXICO:—

Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27; D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04; D D Rs 62.04
Cross Rates Pec. 19 5 21.5.

LISBON:—

Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom; D D Esc 7.35 nom
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55; D D Esc 7.55
Cross Rates Esc 99.80 100 20

NEW YORK:—

Cross Rate Dol 4.03 3/4

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady

Gold £8/8/0 Ready

New York Silver 35 1/8

London Silver 23 1/2 Ready; 23 1/2 Forward.

London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call unquoted
1 to 2 months 1/4 per cent
3 to 6 months 1/2 per cent
9 months 3/4 per cent.
Tone:—Easy.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 28th November 1941.

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.
CAPITAL:—		
Authorised—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Issued and subscribed—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,26,00,000	
Called up—75,000 shares of Rs. 500 each fully paid	3,75,00,000	
1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, Rs. 125 paid	1,87,50,000	5,62,50,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders—Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares	5,62,50,000	
Reserve Fund		5,62,50,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts		108,29,29,000
Loans against Securities per contra		.....
Acceptances for Constituents		.....
Sundries		1,10,68,000
	Rupees	120,64,97,000

ASSETS	Rs	Rs.
INVESTMENTS:—		
Government Securities	54,21,31,000	
Other Authorised Investments	122,25,000	55,43,56,000
ADVANCES:—		
Loans	5,85,16,000	
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	17,09,70,000	
Bills Discounted and Purchased	4,49,01,000	28,43,87,000
Liability of Constituents for Acceptances per contra		.....
Dead Stock		1,81,19,000
Sundries		95,39,000
Bullion		.....
CASH:—		
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	19,89,53,000	
Balances with other Banks	4,11,43,000	24,00,96,000
	Rupees	120,64,97,000

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

HEDGE CONTRACT RATES

Bombay, December 4

Yarn No. 6 1/2s December 234 February 235 April 236

Yarn No. 10 1/2s December 272 February 273 April 274

Yarn No. 20 1/2s December 498 February 478 April 466

Yarn No. 40s December 580 February 585 April 590.

Quotations for 6 1/2s, 10 1/2s, 40s, are nominal.

Heavy Price Fluctuations In Yarn Market

Bombay, December 3

After a continued and heavy rise during the last few days, prices in all kinds of yarns, especially in Indian yarns, have now been showing some signs of reaction and not only therefore speculative rise has been averted for the time being but it looks as though there will be some reaction in prices as a result of speculative unloading for the last 3 or 4 days. The local market therefore has been very irregular and uncertain and fluctuations have been very heavy on either side. It is true that there has been scarcity of stocks in Indian yarns especially in counts such as 20s and upwards and also in folded yarns but it is also true and the present level of prices is so high and is so based on speculative activities not only in the local market but also in all important cities all over India that the confidence in the present level of Indian yarn prices is getting shaken and on any adverse news prices will more likely decline on account of pressure of speculative liquidation. Reports from Calcutta, Madras and other centres go to show that speculative activities all over the country have been at the highest and that the speculators have been very active in carrying the prices yet further. On the other hand, handloom weavers find it extremely difficult to get supplies at anything like satisfactory prices with the result that the recent investigations go to show that more than 50 per cent of the handlooms all over the country have been entirely stopped and most of the handloom weavers have been taking to other jobs and some of them are even starving for want of work. The general situation therefore in the yarn market cannot be yet said to be at all satisfactory. As regards Export markets enquiries have also fallen off to a large extent on account of the present high level of prices which does not suit most of the export markets and also due to freight difficulties. Future tendency of the market is rather uncertain

ENGLISH YARNS. No business has been possible at all in this class of yarns due to the War.

JAPANESE AND SHANGHAI YARNS: Prices in almost all kinds of Japanese and Shanghai yarns, single as well as twofold showed further improvement during the earlier part of the week on account of the unfavourable reports regarding the negotiations between America and Japan but at the close of the week prices have eased to some extent probably due to slightly more favourable reports. On the whole during the week, prices have shown improvement to the extent of about one anna per lb. with a slightly easier tendency at the close. In case of Mercerised yarns speculative activities have been rather restricted and the turnover during the week has been limited. In some cases especially in single and two fold cotton yarns, scarcity is being increasingly felt and prices have been steadily improving. Fresh business with Japan is almost impossible and arrivals have been nil. Future tendency continues to remain hopeful.

ARTIFICIAL SILK YARNS: Firm tendency reported in our last has continued further both in case of artificial silk yarns as well as in staple fibre yarns and prices have improved to the extent of about one anna per lb. in the earlier part of the week, although at the close there has been some slight reaction. Scarcity is being increasingly felt in special styles and the local mills are reported to have been buying in small lots even at higher prices. Demand from handloom weavers has considerably fallen off at present. Future tendency continues to remain hopeful.

INDIAN YARNS: Prices on the Bombay Yarn Exchange Ltd., have fluctuated very heavily on either side on account of heavy speculative activities during the week. The tendency at the close however remains very uncertain and it is very likely that the prices may show some reaction as a result of speculative unloading in the next few days.

London Stock Exchange

London, December 3

The Stock Exchange quiet, rather patchy with small amount of profit-taking mainly in oils and industrials though Textiles were firm, while gilt-edged advanced slightly. Home rails fully steady. Among Far Eastern issues China bonds maintained but Jap bonds receded half a point and Hongkong Bank one and half.

Argentine rails dull on lower crop prospects. Mining quiet. Kaffirs inclined few and hence lower.

Wall Street quiet.

"KOM SEVAK" EDITOR SENTENCED

Mr. Nusserwanji Engineer, Editor of the "Kom Sevak", and other members of his family were convicted by the Chief Presidency Magistrate of Bombay on the charges of rioting, of being members of an unlawful assembly and assaulting Mr. P. P. Kapadia, an Honorary Magistrate.

The accused were sentenced to pay fines or in default to undergo various imprisonments. Mr. Engineer, it may be remembered here, was reported to have assaulted Mr. Kapadia at the C. J. Hall on January 16 last and his sons and daughters had, it appears, helped him in the venture.

The complainant, Mr. Kapadia, in collaboration with others, had started in 1940 the Parsi Amateur Dramatic Society, which in May of that year staged a drama in aid of war charities. Engineer started an agitation against Parsi women taking part in dramatic performances and that was alleged to be the motive for what subsequently took place.

Mr. Engineer, again, as remarked by the Magistrate's comments, had carefully and deliberately arranged to coerce Mr. Kapadia, into silence if and when he rose to speak at the C. J. Hall public meeting. He had threatened Mr Kapadia and all his subsequent actions prove that he had no uncertain hostility towards Mr. Kapadia.

15 Anti-Tax Satyagrahis Let Off On Bail

(From Our Correspondent.)

NAGPUR (By Mail).

Fifteen persons who offered satyagraha in connection with the anti-tax campaign at Nagpur have been arrested and let out on bail. The satyagraha against the enhanced municipal taxes is being carried on.

Mr. Brijlal Biyani, President, Berar Provincial Congress Committee, and member of the Council of State paid a visit to the Rashtriya Yuvak Sangh, Nagpur on Thursday last and expressed satisfaction at the manner in which the Sangh was conducting itself.

Workers of all the Ginning and Pressing Factories of Akola have gone on strike from Nov. 24 demanding complete restoration of wage-cut.

The report of the Wickenden Enquiry Committee on Amraoti communal riot is expected to be completed by the end of this week.

Mr. C. D. Deshmukh, who was for many years Financial Secretary to the Provincial Government, has been permitted to resign the Indian Civil Service, with effect from December 22.

L. C. P. S. Exam. Results

Ten More Lady Doctors In Bombay

Out of 246 students who appeared at the Final L.C.P.S. Examination held in November, the following 81 have passed:—

P V Alexander, Sunitha R Amladi (Miss), S S Baba, S S Bagga, A Q Baig, O N Balaraman, V A Banakar, V N Bedekar, K A Bedi, V T Bhalerao, G D Bhandari, D N Bhatvadekar, M S. Bhati, D J Chaudhari, B C Chhaya, K C Dalal, K C Dalal, K B Dave, N B Dave, Vimal K Deshmukh (Mrs.), D R Dixit, N M Doshi, B U Gada, K M Gangwani, C V Jain, H G Jambhekar, T E Japamony, Indu L Joglekar (Miss), R K Kalra, G V Kane, N N Papashi, G V Karandikar, J R Durga Dass Karwal, L K Keskar, T T Keswani, N G Khabade, J A Khan, M I M Shafi Khokhar, (Miss) Leela Kirtikar, V S Kolatkar, S H Kulkarni, V K Kulkarni, (Miss) Shakuntala A Madgavkar, F P Mazarelo, P N Mehra. J M Mehta, T J Mehta, V C Mehta, (Miss) Ratan P Meisheri, (Miss) Satj S Mirchandani, A S I S Monga, J Morgan, K E Motala, (Miss) Krishna D Mudbhatkal, K G Mulgund, K K Nanavati, V L Nevrekar, H M Parekh. C D Patel. J G Patel, N R Pathak, Z V Pathak. Indira C Patole (Miss), M H Mohamed Bux Rajput, M V Rege, D J Samel, B P Shah. Sarojini S. Shinde (Miss), R T Shukla, O S Talati, L M Tripathi, S K Trivedi, P P Upadhyaya, M H Vaidya, V K Valdya, H D Vakil, J N Vak

NEW YORK COTTON SEVEN POINTS UP

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES.

MARCH

New York: Dec. 4.

Previous closing 16.81
To-day's opening 16.90
Difference ..... +9
To-day's closing 16.88
Difference ..... +7

BROACH EXPECTATION.

Broach April/May ..... Rs. 255

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York: Dec. 4.

New York cotton exhibited decidedly improved sentiment following the strength of securities, while the improving labour situation also helped to restore general feeling of confidence.

Trading in March began at 16.90, i.e. nine points higher than the last closing. Prices advanced on increased trade and commission house buying with some covering. The trend was upward on continued support.

Following are the New York opening ranges :—

December (15.31/31) 16.56/56
March (16.59/59) 16.90/89
May (16.73/72) 17.05/04

LONDON COMMODITIES.

London: Dec. 4.

SEEDS

Castorseeds Dec/Jan (£20 3/8 quoted) £20 3/8
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta Dec/Jan (£20 3/4 quoted) £20 3/4
Linseed La Plata Dec/Jan (£13 7/8 quoted) £13 7/8
Groundnut Coromandal Coast Dec/Jan (£19 1/4 sellers) £19 1/4 sellers

JUTES

Dundee October/November unquoted
Lightning October/November unquoted

RUBBER

Spot unquoted
Forward December unquoted

LONDON METALS

Tin (£257 3/4 buyers, £258 1/4 sellers. Firm) £257 1/4 buyers. £257 1/2 sellers. Irregular.
Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 2 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

3 1/2 PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London: Dec. 4.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £99 1/8

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

London: Dec. 4.

5 per cent 1958/68 £103

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £82 3/16 ex-div.
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 7/8
2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 15/16
4 per cent Funding Loan £114 5/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £104 7/8
New York Loan £101 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds £114 1/16

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 17-1
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 39-3
Electric Music Industry 14-9
Princhin Johnson 22-7
Imperial Chemical 33-3
Woolsworth New Ordinary 62-5
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates £75
Dundee 38-10
Unilever Ordinary 28-1
Ford Motors 25-0
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £71
British American Tobacco Ordinary £5 1/8
Carreas 'A' £5 7/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 23/32
P and O Defd 30-4
Distillers 74-5
Bredfords Dye 8-3
British Celanese 7-4
J and P Coates 38-4
Courtaulds Ordinary 35-6
Fine Cotton Spinners 5-9
Vickers Limited Ordinary 17-10
Inter Nickel dol 42 ex-div.
Indian Iron 57-6

TEA SHARES

Assam 18-9
Donaro Tea 33-0
Empire of India 20-3

JUTE

Barnagore £9

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber 18-0
Gula Kelampong 15-7
Rubber Plant Inv Trust 28-3

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 18-9
Burma Corporation 6-6
Rio Tintos £8
East Rand Properties £2 3/16
Rand Mines £7 1/8

MINE SHARES

Crown £10 5/8
Associated Portland Cement 51-3
Trinidad Leasehold 55-0
Sub Nigel £7 3/8
Spring Mines Split Shares £1 7/32
Union Corporation 157-6

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 36-3
Anglo India 47-6
Burma Oil £3 5/16
Mexican Eagle 11-10
Shell Transport £3 5/32
Royal Dutch £25 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £43
London Midland Ordinary £16 5/8
London North Eastern Def £1 3/4
London Southern Defd £14 1/2
London Transport 5 per cent £127
London Transport £41 1/4

New York Stock Exchange

New York: Dec. 4.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices are as under :—

General Motors (dol 35 1/4) dol 35 7/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 27 1/4) dol 27 7/8
U S Steel Common (dol 50 3/4) dol 52 1/4
U S Steel Preference (dol 116) dol 116 1/4

RETAIL FOODSTUFFS PRICES

Fair retail prices of several articles of foodstuffs in the Bombay City, published by the Controller of Prices, Bombay, for the week beginning from Friday, the 5th Dec. 1941 :—

Article.	Rate per Paylee
Rice Country Jirasal—	
(Bhiwandi) No. 1 quality	As. 14 0 to 14 9
(Bhiwandi) No. 2 quality	As. 13 0 to 13 6
(Bhiwandi) No. 3 quality	As. 11 9 to 12 6
Patni	As. 8 3 to 9 0
	As.ps.
Wheat Khandwa No. 2	9 6
Wheat Yellow (Nasik)	8 6
Wheat Pissi Butki (Punjab)	8 3
Jowar Sholapur Yellow	5 6
Bajri Cawnpore No. 1	5 6
Bajri Kalpi Ordinary	6 0
Gram Banda	6 0
Gram Shahapura	8 0
Turdal Cawnpore Dry	8 3
Turdal Surti Oiled (Superior)	11 0
Masur Dal Superior	8 6
Chana Dal No. 1	8 3
	Rate per lb.
Ghee Hatras	14 0
Ghee Porbunder	16 0
Til Oil	3 9
Cocoanut Oil	3 0
Groundnut Oil	3 3
Indian Sugar	2 6
	Rate for 2 bxs.
Wimco Matches 40 sticks	0 9
Wimco Matches 60 sticks	1 0
Wimco Matches 50 sticks	1 0

RISE IN LINSEED

Bombay: Dec.

The local Linseed Market was again firm to-day and May delivery closed at Rs. 9-11-3.

The reduction of import duty from 30 shillings to 24 shillings on Argentine imports induced some selling by a local export firm and sales to the extent of 500 tons were reported around Rs. 9/9/6.

But the local sentiment being bullish the market failed to have any effect and prices firmed up.

Holders are firm. It is true that Plate is offering at £9/10, but Bombay is unwilling to offer even at £14/10. It appears that yesterday Calcutta offered about 3000 tons to the British Food Ministry, but Bombay operators offered nothing. Further tenders are again asked but local operators look for higher prices and are unwilling to offer.

KARACHI.—Details are now available in connection with the removal of rails and burning of sleepers between Madeji and Allahabadani stations on the Karachi Ruk section.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES.

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York: Dec. 4.

Previous closing 4.03 3/4
To-day's opening 4.03 3/4

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London: Dec. 4.

Previous closing ..... 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening ..... 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing ..... 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

LONDON BULLION.

LONDON GOLD

London: Dec. 4.

London Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0.

LONDON SILVER

London: Dec. 4.

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay not quoted
New York on Aden not quoted
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36
London on Shanghai (0-2 27/32 to 0-3 3/16) 0-2 27/32 to 0-3 3/16
London on Kobe not quoted

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

BULLION AND SEEDS

Bombay: Dec. 4.

There was no trading during night session.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Strong Demand In Cottons

Calcutta: Dec. 4.

The market condition remains unchanged. Cotton shares on the other hand found strong buying support and sharp rises were obtained in almost all the first-class popular issues, while Coals, Teas, Jutes and the favourite Miscellaneous issues kept quietly steady. The Engineering issues also moved up satisfactorily on renewed buying. Government securities were unaltered.

The following are closing quotations :—

Govt securities: 3 per cent loan 1963/65 94/15, 3 1/2 per cent Govt Paper 96.

Banks: Imperial Bank (fully paid) 1612, Imperial Bank conty 403, Reserve Bank 111

Cotton: Benares Cotton and Silk 5/10, Bowreah ordy 453, Bengal Nagpur 22, Cawnpore Textiles 10/6, Dunbar 252

Coals: Bengal 400 Boka 5 and Ramgur 18/5, Burrakur 14/4, Deoli 10/5 s lot, Dhemo Main 13/14 c-t, Hurriladih 14, New Beerbhoom 18/15, North Damuda 6/4, Standard 23/10 s lot, Talcher 2/11, Jamuria 31/12.

Jutes: Adamjee 32/14, Alexandra 235, Alliance 365, Angio-India 389, Auckland 203, Bally 265, Caledonian 450, Champdany 206, Ft. Gloster 625, Ft. William 272 ex-div, Ganges 349, Gourepoe 770 Howrah 59/10 ex-div, Howrah (A) 166 ex-div, Hukumchand 16/10, India 420, Kamarhatty 568, Kanknarrah 456, Kelvin 592, Kinnison 765, Lansdowne 173, Lawrence 580, Orient 222, Reliance 62/8 ex-div, Standard 370, Union 552.

Minings: Burma Corpn 4/12, Consolidated Tin 2/9, Indian Copper 2/7.

Cements: Assam Bengal Cement ordy 16/8 s l, Assam Bengal Cement Defd 4/2, Dalmia Cement ordy 16/7, Dalmia Cement Defd 3/15.

Chemicals: Alkali and Chemical ordy 23/8.

Engineering Companies: Britannia 13/10, Burn and Co ordy 402, Indian Iron and Steel 36/2, Kumardhubi Eng. 6/8, Marshalls 2/10, Saran Eng 7, Steel Corpn ordy 22/1.

Miscellaneous: Alluminium Corpn ordy 13/12, Bararee Coke 29/4, B I Corpn ordy 6 c-t, Indian Cables 24/12, Indian Wood Products 31/4, Rohtas Industry ordy 26/12.

Paper Mills: India Paper Pulp 174, Shree Gopal Paper 17/11, Titaghur Paper ordy 23/12.

Sugars and Breweries: Buland 29/1, Carew and Co 13/7.

Teas: Bateli 8/10, Naga Hills 16/8 c-t.

Debentures: 5 per cent 1956/86 Cal. Port Trust Debs 117/2.—A. P.

Half-Hearted And Halting Gesture

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poration building. The released Satyagrahis were most eager to know the opinion of Gandhiji regarding this gesture of the Government.

Gilder And Nurie Arrive

Sometime later, there was an enthusiastic reception to these Satyagrahis as also to Mr. M. Y. Nurie and Dr. M. D. D. Gilder who arrived from Poona by the Bombay Express, on the platform of the Victoria Terminus which rang once again with cries of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Mahatma Gandhi Ki Jai."

A large number of Congressmen and others including, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Mr. Nagindas T. Master, Mr. S. K. Patil, Mr. Abidally Jafferbhoy, Mr. S. A. Brelvi, Mr. Mangaldas Pakvasa, Dr. K. A. Hamid, Mr. Dhirubhai Desai, Mr. Ali Bahadur Khan, Dr. Jivraj Mehta and Dr. Mehlsheri and members of the families of Dr. Gilder and Mr. Nurie were present at the station.

Twentynine prisoners released from Nasik jail also arrived in the city by the Allahabad Express at 8-15 p.m. and were accorded a warm welcome.

Arrival From Nasik

At 8-15 p. m. arrived the batch from Nasik consisting of about 48 Satyagrahis, 30 of them belonging to Bombay and the rest from outside. Among them were Mr. Bhavanji A. Khimji, Mr. Ratilal M. Gandhi, Mr. Manilal J. Sheth, Mr. R. A. Khedgikar, Mr. Y. J. Meherally, Dr. D. T. Anklesaria, Mr. S. L. Silam, Mr. Joachim Alva, Mr. B. N. Maheshwari, Sardar Pratap Singh, Prof. B. P. Gharpure, Mr. Asoka Mehta, Mr. D. N. Wandrekar, Mr. F. M. Pinto, Mr. Abdul Rehman Mitha, Dr. D. D. Sathaye, Raosaheb Patwardhan, Mr. Gulab R. Shroff and Mr. N. B. Parulekar. Mr. Ishwarbhai Patel who had been transferred from Nasik to the Arthur Road Jail some time back was released at about 10 a. m. to-day.

WOMEN SATYAGRAHIS

Four women Satyagrahis who arrived from Yeravda were Shrimatis Vasanti N. Shroff, Minakshi A. Desai, Ramabai Pandit and Sharda Kevalram Joshi. They came by the 9-15 train.

Mr. Nurie

POONA, Dec. 4.

Mr. Nurie will stay in Bombay for a few days before he proceeds to Ahmedabad. Asked whether he intended visiting Wardha, Mr. Nurie replied in the negative.—A. P.

Ramgarh Congress Secretary Dead

PATNA, Dec. 4.

Mr. Ambika Kant Sinha, Secretary of the last Ramgarh Congress, died here last evening at the age of 45 after a protracted illness.—A. P.

JAIL DELIVERY IN C. P., U. P. AND BOMBAY

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ber of the Congress Working Committee.—A. P.

Congress Demand Must Be Accepted, Says Deo

(From Our Correspondent).

POONA, December 4.

In an exclusive interview to the "Chronicle's" representative Sjt. Shankarrao Deo, a member of the Congress Working Committee released this noon said: "In a sense, this release of ours is a triumph of public opinion for which the public deserves to be congratulated.

"The important question from the public point of view is not whether we are in or out of the jail, but whether the independence of the people for which we are fighting is achieved or not.

"As Gandhiji has said in his statement, mere jail delivery in itself will have not the least effect on the present policy of the Congress. Whether the struggle between the Congress and the Government is to go on or a reconciliation is to take place does not depend upon the jail delivery of the Satyagrahis. But it depends upon how far the Government is prepared to accept the political demand of the Congress.

From Nasik Jail

Mr. Bhawanji A. Khimji, Treasurer of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, and all other Bombay Satyagrahis who were serving their detention at Nasik Central Road Prison have been set free this morning.

67 Released From Thana

(From Our Correspondent).

THANA, Dec. 4.

As a result of the jail delivery order, eight Satyagrahi convicts and 59 detenus were released today from Thana Jail.

34 Politicals Released In Bellary

BELLARY, Dec. 2.

A batch of 34 Satyagraha prisoners, including Mr. A. Rayappa, ex-President of the Anantapur District Board, were released yesterday from the Allpuram Jail on the expiry of their term of imprisonment.—A. P.

C. P. Jail Delivery

(From Our Correspondent).

NAGPUR, December 4.

In accordance with orders issued by Government of India, the C.P. Government issued orders releasing all politicals this afternoon. Accordingly about 70 politicals were set free from Nagpur Central Jail at 5 p.m.

On November 15, there were 250 politicals in Province. The remaining will be released by tomorrow.

Punjab Releases

LAHORE, December 4.

Nearly 600 Congressmen in the Punjab are expected to be released as a result of the Government of India's decision announced yesterday. The releases will be effected in the course of the next few days.—A. P.

RELEASES IN U. P. Only 167 Out Of 230 Detenus To Be Released

LUCKNOW, Dec. 4.

Nearly 3,000 Congressmen, who were convicted for offering Satyagraha are expected to be released as a result of Government of India's decision, announced today, to release persons who have been guilty of symbolic offences.

The number of persons detained without trial in the Province total about 230 of whom 116 are at Deoli. Prominent among the others are Mr. Rafi Ahmad Kidwai, former Revenue Minister, who is in the Gorakhpur Jail, and Mr. Purshotamdas Tandon, Speaker of the Assembly, lodged in the Fatehgarh Jail.

The Provincial Government have been reviewing the cases of detenus and security prisoners and sometime ago, announced their decision to gradually release 167 such prisoners.—A. P.

Bihar Satyagrahis To Be Released

PATNA, Dec. 4.

About 153 Congressmen of Bihar serving their terms of imprisonment for offering Civil Disobedience would be released in accordance with the Government of India's order, it is learnt here.

Nearly 1,200 persons were convicted and sentenced in this Province in connection with Satyagraha, the majority of whom, including the Ministers are already outside the prisons, having served out their full terms of imprisonment.

It is stated here that none was convicted in this Province merely for signifying his intention of offering Civil Disobedience.—A. P.

MADRAS GOVT. STILL COGITATES

500 Likely To Be Released But Not Ranga Among Them

MADRAS, Dec. 4.

About 500 Congressmen who were convicted for offering Satyagraha will be released by the Madras Government, following the Government of India instructions. Government are at present considering the cases of prisoners who would come under the special category mentioned in the Government of India 'communique' and orders for their release will be issued shortly.

Prof. N. G. Ranga M.L.A. (Central) and other political detenus, it is understood, may not come under the present scheme of jail delivery.

Satyagrahis Not To Be Arrested

Full discretion, it is stated, is given to District authorities to deal with persons who offer Satyagraha in future, but in the spirit of the Government of India 'communique' the authorities are not likely to take notice of such action for sometime.—A. P.

Sardar For Bardoli

BOMBAY Thursday.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel left for Bardoli to-night.

LOCAL BODIES' ELECTIONS POSTPONED

LAHORE, Dec. 4.

The 'United Press' learns that the Punjab Government have decided that as there has been no change in the conditions brought about by the war the general elections to Municipal Committees and District Boards, etc., which may fall due upto December 31, 1942, should be further postponed for one year with effect from the date on which they would have been held in the normal course or as a result of previous postponements.—U.

CONGRESS CAPTURES ANKLESHWAR MUNICIPALITY

(From Our Correspondent.)

BROACH, Dec. 2.

In the general election of the Ankleshwar Municipality Congress has captured 11 out of 12 non-Muslim seats. Four Muslim seats were captured uncontested by the candidates of the Muslim League.

Bhashyam Sees Gandhiji

WARDHA, Dec. 4.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam, ex-President of the Mysore State Congress is seeing Mahatma Gandhi this afternoon in connection with Congress work.

KAMPTEE PLEADER JAILED

Syed Fazlul Rahim, a pleader of Kamptee was sentenced to four months' R. I. for the second time for a prejudicial speech at Arvi under the Defence Act.—A. P.

Bihar Ex-Minister Sees Gandhiji

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 4.—Dr. Rajendra Prasad, and Mr. Anugraha Narain Singh ex-Finance Minister, Bihar and Professor Abdul Bari of Bihar, saw Mahatma Gandhi this evening.—A. P.

N. R. Sarkar Greets Abul Kalam

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 4.

The "United Press" learns that Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, has received a telegram of greetings from the Hon. Mr. Nalini Ranjan Sarkar, Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, after his release from jail to-day.—United Press.

MADRAS, December 4.

Dr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu, General Secretary of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, in an interview said: "I am glad that the Government of India have decided to release political prisoners. But it would have been a little more graceful if the Government of India had ordered the release with an appeal to all political parties to come together and stand by the Government in view of the serious international developments.—A. P.

"Stand Less On Dignity And Do More Spade Work"

British Press Advice To India Govt. On Work After Political Amnesty

LONDON, Dec. 4.

The "News Chronicle" says: "The imprisonment of the leaders of the Congress Civil Disobedience at a time when we should have been doing our best to smooth the path of co-operation was an act of stupidity hardly paralleled even in the annals of the Government of India.

Now they are being released and it is high time too. We wish we could believe that this belated admission of error would be followed by a change of heart in the British Government over the Indian question as a whole."

The "Manchester Guardian" says: "It is good news that the Indian Government is about to release political prisoners."

After remarking that the Indian Government suffers from too much dignity the paper says: "The prisoners are being released—at least it ought to be the reason—because there are signs of growing desire in India to end the present unhappy deadlock and release of prisoners may help to stimulate the process.

Even the decision of Mahatma Gandhi to suspend non-co-operation during the Christmas and New Year holidays, uncompromising as he remains, ought to be turned to account.

THE RELEASE OF PRISONERS IS WELCOME AND SHOULD HELP.

IT WOULD HELP STILL MORE IF WE HAD FROM THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT LESS DIGNITY AND MORE WORK WITH A SPADE."

The "Daily Herald" asserts, "The Government's decision to open the prison doors in India is a welcome sign of the change in view. The "Daily Herald" hopes and believes that the action now at last taken may become a prelude to a real settlement of the problem of India.

With imagination and will the agelong desire for freedom can be met, and with its meeting the whole moral and material power of India's millions will rally to the struggle against Fascism and Hitlerite Germany. But the British Government must see to it that imagination and generosity do indeed guide its steps."

The "Yorkshire Post" says: "By the release of political prisoners the Government of India has taken the first wise step towards the creation of a better atmosphere in India. The step is welcome since there has been increasing evidence in recent weeks that the Civil Disobedience movement is petering out, and that Indian opinion is solidly behind the democracies in their struggle against Nazism."—Reuter.

"TIMES" WELCOMES AMNESTY

Govt. Praised For Taking Wise Administrative Decision

LONDON, Dec. 4.

The decision of the Government of India to release political prisoners has been received with general approval in the British press.

"The Times" writes: "In releasing the prisoners whose ineffectual disobedience was generally a formality and exercise without heat, the Government of India has taken a wise administrative decision.

Tribute should also be paid to Mr. Amery who by his patience and perseverance under great difficulties deserved well of the cause of Anglo-Indian friendship.

There are grounds to hope that the decision may assist the return of some of the non-co-operating provinces to normal political life.

It is manifestly impossible to embark upon devising a new constitution while the well-being and security of India still hang upon the issue of the war. But the differences between the Muslim League and the Congress, and between the Muslims and the Hindus can be tested and their asperities softened by the practice of daily political give and take policy which cannot flourish apart from parliamentary and administrative life and experience or in the midst of political boycott and essays in non-co-operation. "The Times" says that the decision to release prisoners is welcome as it renewed evidence of the British Government's desire to promote a constructive policy.—Reuter.

Wanted Wholesale Release

MADRAS, Dec. 4.

"The Government's decision to release certain categories of political prisoners as well as Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad will be welcomed, belated and half-hearted though it is", says the Hindu commenting on the Government of India 'communique' regarding the release of political prisoners.

Concluding the paper observes: "Since the wholesale release of prisoners has been urged, not so much on the ground that many who are in jail to-day should never have been sent there at all, as on the ground that it is the indispensable preliminary to a new approach to the political problem, there is no meaning in discriminating between political prisoner and political prisoner. We hope the Government will yet see this and make the release general and comprehensive

"TRIBUNE'S COMMENT"

LAHORE, Dec. 4.

That the action of the Government in releasing political prisoners, however inadequate it may be, calls for a reciprocal response from the Congress is urged by the "Tribune" in a leading article.

APPEAL OVER HEAD OF MAHATMA

"The Indian Express" says:—The Government of India would have done well not to set out the reasons that led to this decision, if it had intended it as a step in the recantation of its retrograde policy. The decision as it is placed before the public lacks both courage and candour.

The paper adds: We doubt if the present graceless gift of release is anything more than a face-saving device to suit the Viceroy's enlarged Executive Council.

The Press says: The release now ordered is in the nature of an appeal by the Government to the rank and file of Congressmen, over the head of Gandhiji as leader to get to change the Congress programme and switch it on to a new programme favourable to war effort.

NOTHING LESS THAN INDEPENDENCE WILL DO

The "Samyukta Karnatak" in an editorial writing on the release of political prisoners, observes: The step taken by Government is not only tardy but graceless.

Nothing less than a declaration promising complete independence and fixing the time limit can satisfy the nation. Will British statesmen act?—A. P.

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BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS

The release of many Congress leaders, including the President and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, and the prospect of the amnesty being completed in the next few days have caused no jubilation among Congressmen. That is partly because they resent the discrimination against other political prisoners, many of whom, as Mr. N. M. Joshi rightly points out, have committed no offence whatever. A more important cause of the lack of enthusiasm is the uncertainty as to whether Government will take further steps essential for a settlement and whether, if they do so, Congress will adequately respond to their efforts. An encouraging feature is the report from Madras that the authorities are not likely to arrest Satyagrahis, if any, for some time. In all probability the same policy will be followed in all other provinces. Whatever may be Government's motives, the amnesty and the temporary non-arrest of Satyagrahis deserve at least this response from Gandhiji that he should suspend Satyagraha till the Working Committee and the A. I. C. C. get a chance of reviewing the developments during a whole year. Nothing is lost thereby, not even prestige. Whether there will ultimately be a settlement depends upon many things which to-day are uncertain. If there is one per cent. chance of a settlement, let it not be marred by lesser issues.

Gandhiji's Statement

Gandhiji's statement on the amnesty may not be regarded as encouraging by many. But he makes it clear that the statement is not made in a representative capacity but "so far as I am concerned". From his own point of view he says: "The Government of India's decision cannot evoke a single responsive or appreciative chord in me". The main reason for this he states vividly in the following vivid terms: "British representatives hold India as a bond slave. All freedom that India enjoys is the freedom of a slave, and not the freedom of an equal, which is otherwise known as complete independence. Mr. Amery's pronouncements do not soothe the festering sore, but they are like sprinkling chillies on it. It is in that setting that I am called upon the examine this release". Gandhiji will doubtless make his position clearer at the meetings of the Working Committee and the A. I. C. C., which, he says, it is for the President to decide whether and when to call. As we have pointed out before, even in ordinary times these meetings are obligatory constitutionally and morally. In the present circumstances they are essential and urgent. There is no option in the matter except in fixing the dates What the meetings will decide will, of course, depend on various circumstances but the meetings have got to be held. The public are entitled to know from their representatives what are their considered views on the grave developments in the country during all these many months when the meetings could not be held. Now they can be held and should be held.

Revive Poona Offer

Hinting at some of the issues raised by the amnesty, Gandhiji says: "The only meaning I can attach to the release is that the Government of India expects the prisoners to have changed their opinion regarding their self-invited solitude. I am hoping that the Government of India will soon be disillusioned." We agree that few, if any, are afraid of repeating their self-invited solitude if there should be need for it. But whether there is need for it or not will depend on Government's terms for a settlement. Last year Satyagraha was started because the Poona offer of the Congress was flouted. If to-day Government are prepared to concede the substance of the demand, there is no reason why those who supported the Poona offer and whose views thereon are unchanged should still persist in "inviting solitude". If, on the other hand, Government still flout those demand and offer terms not worth looking at, there will then be disillusionment on either side. The question is asked whether at this stage it is desirable for the Congress to revive the Poona offer If the offer was wise then it is wise now and there is not the least harm in agreeing to negotiations on that basis, details being left, in the first instance, to a few leaders who believe in the offer. Whether Government will agree to negotiations on that basis is a question which they must decide at once if they expect the present truce to lead to a settlement. It is difficult to imagine a settlement except on this basis. Even the demands of the Non-Party Conference are a fair approximation to the Poona offer. The British Press, while welcoming the amnesty and appealing for a compromise, does not yet suggest a definite basis for it. But if Congress revive the Poona offer, opinion here, in Britain and America may so rally in its support as to be irresistible.

R. A. F. Operations In Libya

By OLIVER STEWART (In A Recent B. B. C. Talk)

The pattern of the British air operations in Libya is as clear, though far more complex, as the pattern of the German air operations in Poland. Every attack made by our aircraft fits neatly into place in a sharply defined plan.

Three words which appeared in sequence in the Middle East R. A. F. 'communiques' were not to reveal the general methods which Air Vice-Marshal Cunningham was adopting. Those three words were. "ports, aerodromes and troops."

Aircraft have been used in Libya like a huge rake, starting at the farthest points from our land forces. They have been drawn in raking the way clear in readiness for the advance. First it was Naples and other ports in Southern Italy and Sicily, then it was Tripoli and Benghazi and places in Northern Africa. The rake was being drawn in closer to our waiting troops and as it came closer, so preparations were advanced for the ground movement.

The raids were not only heavy in themselves taking into account the range; they were also maintained. To maintain them must have been extremely difficult because of the great distances involved and because Malta was the only advance refuelling base in our hands. As the raiding of Naples reached its climax, so the raiding of the nearer ports in Sicily and in Northern Africa increased in fury.

Increased Air Offensive

Sir Andrew Cunningham has said that the enemy managed to get large quantities of supplies across the Mediterranean in spite of our efforts and I think that the battle in Libya has already proved him right. But it is certainly also true that the movement of those supplies must have caused the enemy increasing anxiety as the air offensive on his ports mounted.

All this work was long-range air preparation. Then there was a sudden swish, and instead of "ports", the key word of the 'communiques' suddenly changed to "aerodromes." The ports were kept under bombardment, but in addition, the enemy's aerodromes along the coast were being attacked with great energy.

Then as zero hour came it was "troops." Our aircraft came to what I call aerial hand-to-hand fighting. They came down and attacked the enemy's transport columns, his armoured vehicles, his supply bases and his fighting men on the ground.

Our air forces in the Middle East have been working up like a symphony orchestra to their climax. They were used with skill and their fire was brought into play in nicely graduated stages though a full effort did not develop until the moment when it was most needed. We have had plenty of warnings not to expect too much too quickly from the Western Desert offensive.

A Powerful Force

I have no idea of the difficulties of the land forces there, but I do feel a measure of confidence about our air action there. We have never really lost air supremacy in the Middle East, not even when we have been pushed back by the German tanks.

Now we certainly have a far more powerful air force out there than ever before and it is obviously being led in a supremely skilful manner. Its only weakness, if you can call it weakness, is the large number of different types of aircraft it uses.

Major-General Brett of the United States Army Air Corps, which is the part of the U. S. Army Air Forces which deals with supply, said that eventually he believes that the Air Forces in the Middle East would be equipped entirely with United States aircraft.

At present, however, they are equipped partly with United States and partly with British machines. The result is that these air forces have a great variety of different types and that means that the problems of supply and maintenance are more difficult.

Tactical Efficiency

This point has particular importance where a war of rapid movement, such as we are told is typical of desert operations, is concerned. The longer the supply lines and the swifter the movement of the forces, the greater become the difficulties attending the maintenance and supply of many different types of aircraft. On the other hand, we have advantages from using these different types and that has already been shown by the communiques.

It seems that Beau Fighters have been attacking enemy aerodromes and that Fortresses have been attacking enemy ports. We have out there, many other fighters and bombers, but you could not find a better type for making low flying attacks on aerodromes than the Beau Fighter. The Fortress has its well-known high flying capabilities which enable it to work in daylight when it would be more hazardous for our other heavy bombers to do so.

So we do gain from this variety of different types of aircraft. We gain tactically. Our pilots and aircrews have aircraft specially well-suited to the jobs they are called on to do. We lose from the point of view of maintenance and supply. My own view—and I think it would also be the view of our pilots and air crews—is that it is better to admit greater complications in maintenance and supply if the tactical efficiency of the force can be improved. After all, the whole trend of mechanised war has been towards more and more complicated machines The complication adds to the difficulties of maintenance and supply, but it proves worthwhile when the battle is joined.

Defect Remedied

In the present state of the fighting in Libya, emphasis inevitably falls on the co-operation between the services. The communiques seem to say that it is good. The air appears to be giving closer and more direct support to our troops on the ground than it has managed to give in any other theatre of war. I think that we can detect here the result of some careful thinking about the lessons of the German successes.

More than once in the past the criticism, has been made that the air and the land forces were not working close enough together. Part of that criticism was justified and it is an example of the value of criticism, even from outside, comparatively uninformed observers, that this defect in our war structure has been remedied.

One more thing must be said now about Libya. If we do succeed, as I hope we shall, in dominating the enemy there in the air, and in obliterating his air power in Northern Africa, it will be due not only to the reinforcements we have sent there, but also to the way in which the Soviet Air Force on one side and the Royal Air Force on the other have combined to pin down considerable enemy air forces.

Sweeps Over Northern France

Those R.A.F. fighter sweeps over Northern France which caused the enemy to keep fighter forces there are now beginning to exert an influence. The determined and sustained fighting of the Soviet Air Force has not only seriously damaged the German Air Force but has also made it necessary for the Germans to keep most of the strength in the east.

Libya, Russia and the home front are all really part of the same battle, and the way the air war goes in Libya now will not only affect the other theatres of war but will also give us a lot of valuable information about them.

BROUGHT FROM HONG KONG AND DETAINED

LAHORE, December 4.

At question time, in the Punjab Assembly today, the House was informed that Sardar Hazara Singh and Sardar Tara Singh of the Lahore District who were serving in Hong Kong until third March 1941, had been brought to the Punjab, under police custody and had been detained under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

CALCUTTA, Nov. 29.

The Hon. Chief Minister has issued the following statement:—

"Statements have appeared in the press which indicate that as the outcome of disunity in the Cabinet, I have accepted the leadership of a new party to be called the Progressive Coalition Party. I desire it to be known that there is no truth whatever in these reports. . . ."

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CALCUTTA, Dec. 3.

The Bengal Premier, Mr. A. K. Faziul Huq, has accepted the leadership of the newly formed Progressive Coalition Party of the Bengal Assembly.

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Congratulations to the comrades from jail—for their transfer from the smaller to the larger one!

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The amnesty has been described as "a sop to the Congress".

We are inclined to think, however, that it is Mr. Aney's sop to Mr. Aney's conscience!

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As if all these earthquakes, storms and cold-waves are not enough, Mr. Amery is now coming to India!

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Japan only wants Peace—and the Pacific!

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Reading so much about Mr. Rashid Ali Beg's new appointment, the Junior Colleague wants to know: What is a Sheriff and what does he do?

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TOKYO'S TRIAL BALLOON

—Headline.

Now, now, isn't that a rather uncharitable remark to make about the gallant Admiral Nomura—or is it Mr. Kurusu?—who has been kite-flying on the Washington horizon?

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Addressing Commerce students at Wardha, Professor S. R. Davar said: "A country's wealth and prosperity can only be multiplied through the development of its commerce, industries and scientific agriculture with the assistance of modern labour saving and power-driven machines."

The more important problem, however, is not how to "multiply" a country's wealth but how to "divide" it!

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Sir Francis Younghusband seems to be very out-of-date. He says that "religion everywhere is being brutally attacked".

Now all the evidence is to the contrary. Hitler is fighting Christianity's battle against irreligious Russia. Mussolini has the tacit blessings of the Pope. Stalin is reviving religion in Russia and re-canonizing saints. Churchill and Roosevelt held a religious service even on board the "President Roosevelt". Mr. Jinnah is upholding Islam and Mr. Savarkar is flying the flag of Hindudom—and Hindudom. All th world's priests, *Swamis, Maulavis*, dasturs, etc. are flourishing. God is in his Heaven and all is right with the world!

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And yet Sir Francis Younghusband insisted on looking "to India as the very home of religion for a sign," and pleaded that India by her example, might show the world the road to peace.

But India cannot oblige him—because of the Defence of India Act!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS.

(1) The political prisoners have been released for Christmas holidays.

(2) Bombay mill-workers are getting a bonus so that they can buy for winter some of the cloth they themselves produce.

(3) The Atheists want to enter a team in the Communal Pentangular and turn it into a Hexagonal.

(4) Water shortage is becoming so acute in Bombay that very soon a daily bath will become a luxury which only millionaires will be able to afford.

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"I'd give a thousand pounds to have a little boy like you all for my own," said the sweet old lady.

"That's an awful lot of money, isn't it?" said the child.

"Yes, but you see, I have lots of money and no little boys."

The small boy thought for a moment. "Well," he said, "mummy wouldn't let you have me for keeps, but you can hold my hand for six-pence".

Frankly Speaking

Life And Property

With the enactment and enforcement of British Government's new conscription proposals, the entire man-power—and woman-power!—of Britain will be placed at the disposal of the Government for war-effort. The Labour Party, however, is not satisfied with this arrangement. It wants equality of treatment for all—conscription of property and wealth as well as of men and women. A section of the party is even demanding that Messrs. Attee, Greenwood and Bevin, the three Labourites in the War Cabinet, to resign if they do not get it. It is also suggested by a minority in the Labour Party that this occasion should be utilised to press for public ownership and control of transport, mines and munitions industries. Looking at it from any point of view, the demand of the Labourites is perfectly legitimate. There seems to be no reason why in this hour of the nation's deadly peril the Government can demand a man's life but not his property. True, the Excess Profits Tax and the increased graduated Income Tax do take a slice off the rich men's current profits But still they leave practically untouched large aggregations of wealth and property. Moreover, no one can deny that direct Government control and ownership of key industries and transport is not only desirable but essential for more efficient prosecution of the national war effort.

Why So Many Failures?

The Maharashtra and Karnatak Provincial Medical Conference held at Poona last month adopted, a resolution requesting Government to appoint a Committee to inquire into the question of the small percentage of successful candidates in Medical Examinations both of the University of Bombay and the College of Physicians and Surgeons in spite of the higher preliminary educational standard for admission. The results of the final L.C.P.S., examination declared yesterday are a fairly apt illustration of the evil noted in the above resolution. Out of 246 students who appeared for the examination only 31 have passed. Yet most of these students had passed the Inter-Science examination before admission to the medical course and all had passed the first L.C.P.S. Examination, Many of the candidates were repeaters, having failed at the final examination at least once, and some had passed in a few subjects. So though the candidates were sifted through rigorous tests before, 67 out of every hundred have failed, a much larger percentage than is the case in other higher examinations. It follows that either the examinations are too rigorous or the training of the candidates is very poor. A Committee like the one suggested by the Medical Conference may well be appointed to find out what precisely is wrong and to suggest remedies.

Cultural Synthesis In India

In his convocation address to the Benares Hindu University Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru suggested that our Universities should become "the emporiums or clearing houses of our political ideas" and that they "should bring about a synthesis of Indian culture". The first suggestion is not quite clear. But perhaps it is meant that a University should not confine itself to one or two sets of political ideas but should discuss all important ones with discrimination. As regards the synthesis of Indian culture, a considerable measure of it already exists and that should be impressed on every Indian student. Educational reforms should clearly suggest definite ways and means of bringing about a larger measure of synthesis. It is not enough for the synthesis to be matter of theory. As Sir Tej suggested, the students should be disciplined in the appropriate habits of conduct as well as thought, "which alone could be true foundation of a true democracy".

A Lesson

A case was decided by the Chief Presidency Magistrate in which Mr. Nusserwanji Engineer, the Editor of "Kom Sevak", and his two sons, two daughters, a daughter-in-law, a brother and a friend were convicted on charges of being members of an unlawful assembly, rioting and of assault. The judgment will receive public approval. This is not the first time that individuals have been deprived of the right of peaceful public meeting and of freedom of speech by other individuals who have tried to break up the meeting merely because they do not agree with the views or the purpose of the meeting. In the present case Mr. Engineer and his family had gone too far in violently thrusting their views on others. Mr. Engineer has strong views on Parsi women taking part in dramatic performances. We do not grudge Mr. Engineer his views though we feel he is completely out of date and unnecessarily old-fashioned in holding them, but that he should feel he can foist his views on others by causing disturbances such as he did at the Cowasji Jehangir Hall, and by assaulting Mr. P. P. Kapadia is something he and those who follow his methods must be made to realise they cannot do.

SECT

Fanatics have their dreams,
wherewith they weave
A paradise for a sect.

Keats, HYPERION

WILL POONA OFFER BE REVIVED?

Completely Indianised And Independent Council Can Satisfy National Demand And End ... Political Deadlock

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 1.

So far as political talks are concerned the week has been unusually quite. Mr. Jinnah has been confined to bed owing to indisposition. An important visitor was Mr. Mahadev Desai from Wardha, but though he casually visited one or two Members of Government, his visit was really in connection with the Deoli hunger-strike, which has now happily ended. As a result of the Wardha talks, in which Mr. C. Rajagopalachari and Mr. Bhulabhai Desai participated after the party consultations in New Delhi, the only conclusion that can safely be drawn is that if all the Congress prisoners are released, Mahatma Gandhi will agree to a meeting of the Congress Working Committee and also of the A. I. C. C. to review the situation. As to what the A.I.C.C. will decide or what Mahatma Gandhi may himself suggest as a result of its discussions it is difficult at this stage to say, but one hears anxious talk everywhere of a re-orientation of policy.

From all accounts it is clear that the only chance for ending the political deadlock lies in reviving the Poona offer—a completely Indianised Council with complete power and responsible to the Legislature within the framework of the present constitution. So far as the communal proportion in the Central Cabinet is concerned, it is not considered difficult to bring about some understanding between the Congress and the Muslim League.

C. R. SPORTING OFFER

Referring to talks here, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari is reported to have said that "the sporting offer" which he made, viz., that Mr. Jinnah may be the Premier and constitute the Cabinet as he likes, still stands. So far as Mr. Jinnah is concerned, his demand is only for parity with the Congress in its representation in the Cabinet. But as the principle of a National Government has first to be accepted by the British Government before the Congress is prepared to consider any offer, it is at the moment premature to talk of future possibilities.

In New Delhi the next stage in political development which official circles appear to be contemplating is the reduction of the I.C.S. element gradually. It may be recalled that when Sir T. B Sapru met the Viceroy last year His Excellency, according to reports here, was not prepared to agree to the transfer of Finance and Defence to non-officials during war time. A compromise appears to have been suggested by Sir Tej Bahadur that the present Finance Member can become Financial Adviser to the Viceroy as provided in the Government of India Act itself and that an Indian Defence Member can be associated with the Commander-in-Chief without in any way interfering with the latter's existing responsibilities. The mind of the new Indian Members of Government appears to be moving in this way also for reconstructing the Government on more popular lines for ending the deadlock.

FINANCIAL POSITION

There is again a good deal of speculation regarding possible taxation proposals which the Government of India may bring forward in their next Budget. The war situation is so uncertain that nothing at all can be said about customs receipts—though during the first seven months of the current year they cannot be said to have been disappointing. Income-tax receipts have been steadily going up. There has been some delay in the excess profits tax assessments, but this head also will yield a considerable sum next year. Excise receipts have also far exceeded Budget expectations, while salt and other heads have proved more or less stationary. For Railways, it has been a bumper year—already more than ten crores above last year's figure—but it has to be remembered that a good deal of the additional traffic is due to military movements and other Government needs. According to anticipations in Assembly circles, the new Indian Members will not agree to any increase in the salt tax; but there is every possibility of further increase in the excess profits tax for meeting the additional expenditure of the Government. Defence expenditure is already Rs. 25 lakhs a day and may be much more as army expansion proceeds from the one million mark to two millions next year to meet the expanding war needs.

THE BURMA QUESTION

The next few weeks will bring up the Burma question again to the forefront. It is believed that the Government of India have succeeded in impressing upon the Secretary of State the defects of the Agreement and the need for modifications before it can be incorporated in an Order in Council. As a result of the correspondence that has been going on, the Secretary of State will probably address both the Government of India and the Government of Burma on the subject of redrafting the Agreement. According to surmises here, the Secretary of

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Turkey And U. S. A.

"The President has announced that he has found the defence of Turkey vital to the defence of the United States, directing that the needs of Turkey were to be filled as fast as possible", says an official statement issued in Washington. White House officials refused to add to or comment on this laconic announcement but its significance can easily be gauged. Coming as it does at the height of the battle that Britain is fighting in North Africa and Hitler's savage thrust towards the Caucasus, it acquires added significance. President Roosevelt has deputed Mr. Bullitt to proceed to the Near East to ascertain the needs of the Allies in that region. It is not unlikely that Turkey comes within the scope of his investigations.

Indeed, authoritative reports say that already Lease and Lend supplies have been reaching the Turks through Britain for some time past but in each individual case of shipment to Britain for retransfer to Turkey, it was necessary for President Roosevelt to sign an authorisation. So far, it appears, only Howitzer trucks have been thus supplied but it is expected that further aid will include artillery, tanks, planes, uniforms and all other types of equipment. Following the President's announcement that Turkey has been brought into the benefits of the Lease and Lend Act the opinion is expressed in some well-informed circles in Washington that Turkey has probably given an assurance that she is prepared to resist German aggression if given the means to do so. There never was any doubt about Turkey resisting aggression. At the beginning of the war, Britain and France had agreed to supply war material to Turkey but, owing to the fall of France, it never reached Turkey. Turkey has valiantly stood repeated Nazi demands and overtures and remained a friend of democracies. It is only just and fair, therefore, that America should do all in her power to arm Turkey.

Inadequate Concession

The Bombay millowners deserve congratulations on their decision to give their workers a bonus of 12½ per cent of the earnings of one year. But this is a partial concession to the legitimate demands of the workers. And the same must be said of a similar bonus proposed by the Ahmedabad millowers. As Mr. Joshi points out, the concession is not only tardy and half-eharted, but it is also unsatisfactory in form. The workers are justly entitled to an increase in basic wages in addition to a bonus and dearness allowance in the present conditions. But neither the dearness allowance nor the bonus so far given is adequate and the basic wages remain as low as ever. The Bombay workers have asked for an increase of only 25 per cent in their wages, which is not unreasonable considering the huge profits made by the millowners at present under the monopolist conditions created by the war. The Rashtriya Girni Kamgar Sankha has recently set forth their specific demands and these deserve to be sympathetically considered by the millowners. It is a bad policy for the millowners to think of the claims of the workers only when the latter are driven to the extreme step of a strike.

Slight Ease In Far Eastern Tension

A. B. C. D. Combine Tells: Japan Will Avoid Open Conflict

HANOI, Dec. 4.

Rational considerations point to a solution of the present impasse by which a conflict will be avoided, but the possibility of a sudden coup in Thailand is an ever-present danger.

It is pointed out that such initiative by Japanese field commanders has frequently been manifested in the past.

Competent quarters still maintain that the Japanese force in Indo-China is insufficient for a major exterior campaign. A rapid 'blitzkrieg' against one weak spot is, however, perfectly feasible.—Reuter.

JAPAN TO TRY DIPLOMACY

SINGAPORE, Dec. 4.

There are indications that Japan has begun to put herself on the defensive in the Far East, says Reuter's Correspondent in Singapore. For example, it is learned that she recently transferred a considerable portion of her fighter aircraft and long-distance reconnaissance planes to mandated islands in the Pacific. Similarly, she has begun hastening the defence of her bases in Indo-China with fixed anti-aircraft guns. This necessarily denudes Japan of part of the material she had hitherto kept in reserve to strike out at a moment's notice. Earmarking some of this material for overseas defensive purposes now, does not of course necessarily mean that Japan is abandoning her aggressive designs. It may be only a logical precautionary measure. It does show, however, that Japan is taking the possibility of active opposition from the A. B. C. D powers seriously.

The general feeling in well informed quarters here is that Japan is not likely to risk invading Thailand, now that Britain has disposed of her fleet, including such ships as "Prince of Wales" in the Far East. This does not mean that Japan is expected to renounce her designs on Thailand. On the contrary, she is expected to continue her pressure. But she is now expected to attempt to absorb Thailand by diplomatic means (supported by the threat of military action if necessary) rather than by direct military action. It is unlikely that Japan will decrease her forces in Indo-China which, it is now learned, include some fast naval landing craft and long distance bombers. On the contrary she is expected to keep them there for use at suitable intervals as "persuasion" in support of diplomatic action. Apparently Tokyo hopes that the A B C D powers will remain quiescent if Thailand can be made to align herself with Japan ostensibly voluntarily.—Reuter.

Togo On East Asia Developments

TOKIO, Dec. 4.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Shigenori Togo, speaking to-day (Thursday), at the opening of the three days "East Asia Economic Conference" said "as the result of recent developments in the Pacific which are becoming increasingly serious, East Asia is now confronted with an unprecedented crisis. Britain, America and other countries still refuse to understand Japan's ideals in the Far East and hamper Japan's attempts to create a new order in East Asia, which aims at permanent peace and prosperity for all. At a time like this, it is more significant that representatives of Japan, Manchukuo, and China should get together to discuss and decide issues for strengthening their economic ties and interests and realising economic self-sufficiency within their sphere of common prosperity."

The Finance Minister Mr. Okinori Kaya, said: "The imposition by Britain and America of the freezing orders against Japan, instead of discouraging the powers concerned has served to make them appreciate the need to economic front in East Asia."

To-day, the Prime Minister, General Tojo and the Foreign Minister Mr. Togo gave what the Domei Agency describes as details of the latest diplomatic developments surrounding Japan with special reference to the Japanese-American talks. Meanwhile the Domei quotes authoritative circles in Tokyo as "frankly deploring" Mr. Cordell Hull's statement yesterday on the Japanese-American talks. The Agency adds that these circles asserted "Mr. Hull's revelation of the purpose of the document handed to the Japanese envoys was incomprehensible and has given added rise to doubts whether the United States sincerely desires a successful outcome of the current talks."

Australian War Cabinet Meeting

MELBOURNE, Dec. 4.

The Australian War Cabinet met here to-day. Although it is understood that early this week the defence authorities were instructed to prepare for a possibility of action within a matter of hours, despatches showing a slight easing in the Pacific tension were received by the Cabinet. The Ministers nevertheless viewing the possibility of relaxation only temporary, are consulting with the defence chiefs on the nation's preparedness.—Reuter.

No Nationalisation Of Industry

Labour Amendment To Premier's Motion Defeated

LONDON, Dec. 4.

In the House of Commons, a Labour amendment proposing the Nationalisation of Industry was defeated by 336 votes to 40.—Reuter.

MAN AND WOMAN POWER DEBATE.

When the man and woman power debate was resumed to-day there was full discussion on the labour amendment to the Prime Minister's motion suggesting public ownership and control of industries vital to the successful prosecution of the war, especially in transport and coal-mining and the manufacture of munitions.

Moving the amendment which appeared on the Order Paper with the names of 39 Labour members supporting it, Mr. Daggar explained that it was not intended to create further difficulties for Government and hoped that the action would not be interpreted as a desire to weaken the war effort.

"But some of us are really apprehensive that the measures proposed by Government further to conscript men and women not only for military but industrial purposes and at the same time leave important industries to be owned, controlled and managed on principles are more in harmony with peace conditions than conditions of war."

NO DESIRE TO IMPEDE GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Dobbie (Labour), seconding the amendment emphasised that there was no desire on their part to impede Government in any way. "It is because that we are desirous of strengthening Government and inspiring the men and women of this nation to the utmost effort that this amendment was put forward."

Mr. Buchanan (Labour) after opposing the conscription of women said that four services which cried aloud for public ownership were mines, railways, land and banking.

ONE-SIDED CONSCRIPTION.

Mr. Shinwell (Labour) asked for an assurance that everybody engaged in the war industry should be treated alike; otherwise conscription would be one-sided creating discontent and impeding the war effort. "We claim that the powers to conscript property implicitly laid down in the declaration of the Lord Privy Seal in June of last year, shall be as fully exercised as are the powers to conscript man power. We do not approach this matter in any doctrinaire spirit, nor are we advancing our Socialist claims in terms of political controversy or pressing the demand for the complete socialisation of industry. That must be left for political decision at the appropriate time and in the light of events."

OBJECTIVE OF NATIONAL GOVT.

LONDON.—Winding up the debate, the Minister for labour, Mr Bevin said: "The National Government was created for the supreme object of winning the war and it is a cardinal point of its policy that neither the interest of property and persons nor prejudice will be allowed to stand in that way of achieving that great objective. That is the test that must always be applied. If it is seriously advanced that there should be further requisitioning of property, service or industry, Government will examine any specific claim and deal with it on its merits guided by this one principle. Equally if it can be shown that any control already established is not likely to produce the best results Government will re-examine the position."

Amendment Rejected

Referring to the call-up of men and women of the country, Mr. Bevin said "applying compulsion in all directions is contrary to anything I have ever stood for. No one can accuse me of not realising what the Hitler machine was before this war. I knew when I acceded to the Prime Minister's request to join his Government what I would have to face and I am not going to shirk it."

The amendment was rejected by 336 votes to 40 and on the Government motion being put to the House, the Independent Labour Party challenged a division and the resolution was carried by 326 votes to ten. Immediately after the passing of the resolution, the bill was introduced founded on Government's resolution. The House then adjourned.—Reuter.

On Libyan Front

Rain Hampers Operations

Two New Zealand Brigadiers As Prisoners Of War

CAIRO, Dec. 4.

A 'Communique' states that during the last twenty-four hours the lull in the fighting continued.

In the frontier area, our forces continue the pressure on isolated enemy centres of resistance.

WEATHER, A HANDICAP

Generally speaking, rain has hampered operations in North Africa during the past twenty-four hours, it is learned in military quarters in London. Nevertheless columns of British armed forces have been harassing the enemy who is apparently using the Capuzzo Road. On this road, the Empire forces are chasing enemy motor transport which have been moving from west to east. The Royal Air Force has carried out some bombing operations.

NAZIS ROUNDED UP

The weather at the Libyan front continues to be atrocious, limiting air and other activities. Meanwhile the battle is in no sense broken off, but has reached a stage of common to all offensives when men and machines must both pause. Both the sides are now resting, reorganising, refitting and repairing.

A party of one hundred Germans who held a small post in Libya with great stubborness and slipped out after dark on Sunday night has now been rounded up by south African troops. One man was found slightly wounded under the roof of a dugout.

Severe Losses For New Zealand

WELLINGTON, Dec. 4.

Mr. Fraser announced that he had received a personal message from General Freyberg stating that New Zealand losses in Libya had been severe.

General Auchinleck had advised the Government that New Zealand brigades in the Sidi Rezegh and Tobruk areas fought magnificently inflicting heavy losses upon the enemy. The report of the capture of Brigadier Miles was confirmed, and it was believed Brigadier Hargest was also a prisoner.—Reuter.

HAVE FAITH IN GANDHIJI'S LEADERSHIP

BOMBAY, Thursday.

"It is a matter of grief to us that prisoners have been released," said Mr. S. K. Patil addressing a public meeting in the Congress House compound this evening. He stated that Congressmen had not gone to jail with the idea of getting released after some time. If it was so, it would have been a colossal waste of national energy.

This business of release, he said, was an attempt to dupe American public opinion. He concluded, "Let not this so-called amnesty lull us into forgetting our duty to our leader and our country."

Mr. Nagindas T. Master who presided over the meeting said that the question of a revision of Congress policy depended entirely on Mahatma Gandhi. He appealed to the audience to put their faith in their leader and obey him implicitly.

AHMEDABAD AGREEMENT

To Be Submitted To Industrial Court

BOMBAY, Dec. 4.

Registration of the submission entered into between the Ahmedabad Millowners' Association and the Textile Labour Association, Ahmedabad, to submit the dispute regarding the latter's demand for a 25 per cent increase in wages to cotton mill operatives in Ahmedabad to the arbitration of the Industrial Court, has been notified in the Bombay Government Gazette Extraordinary on Thursday by Mr. N. A. Mehrban, Registrar, Bombay Industrial Disputes Act.

The submission is signed by Mr. C. B. Kumar, Assistant Secretary, Ahmedabad Millowners Association, and Mr. Somnath P Dave on behalf of the Textile Labour Association.—United Press.

AHMEDABAD LABOUR DAY

Messages From Mahatma And Sardar

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 4.

Mahatma Gandhi sent the following message from Wardha on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the Textile Labour Association:—

'As I said before, if all workmen realise that the value of their labour is always greater than that of capital and if they all combine they can come to their own without hurting a single individual"

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel sent the following message:—

"Fourth December is observed by you as Labour Day. That day is more sacred and memorable for the workmen of Ahmedabad than their own birthday. They realised their self under the inspiration. Blessings and sacrifice of a great saint of the world. In the resolve to banish defects in the organization of Labour Association by refreshing the memory of the vow taken on this day of following the path of truth and non-violence as laid down by Mahatma Gandhi lies the significance and true celebration of this day".—A. P.

INDIANS LEAVING HONGKONG

SHANGHAI, Dec. 4.

Among the 450 British evacuees who left Hongkong on Wednesday in the steamer "Anhui" are many Indian women and children and about 70 Britons from Tientsin.

All the others are from Shanghai.

Many evacuees are expected to disembark at Hongkong to catch the steamer for Australia.—Reuter.

Hongkong Bank Transferred To Singapore

HONGKONG, Dec. 4.

Authority to remove the head office of the Hongkong Bank from the colony was granted by an order of the Government published in a Government Gazette Extraordinary.

It is unofficially learned that the head office will be established formally at Singapore.—Reuter.

Mahatma On Amnesty

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and claims to represent the dumb millions, has for the past twenty years accepted non-violence as its unbroken policy to achieve India's independence. To stop civil disobedience, symbolic though it may be for the time being, will be to deny its policy at a crucial moment.

The Government claim that, in spite of the Congress efforts, they are able to get all the men and money from India. Therefore, the Congress opposition in their estimate can only be moral efforts and a moral demonstration. I for one am entirely satisfied with it, because I am convinced that, from that moral demonstration, will arrive, when the moment comes, a demonstration which will result in the attainment of India's independence, not the ascendance of this party or that. The Congress struggle covers every single unit in India, and now that the Congress President is expected to be out, it will be for him to consider whether and when to call the Congress Working Committee or the A.I.C.C. these two bodies will determine the future policy of the Congress.

I am but a humble instrument of service in conducting the civil disobedience.

WHY STILL DETAIN THEM?

I would, however, say one word about the detenus and other prisoners. It sounds strange that those who have sought imprisonment are to be discharged, and not those who are either detained without trial or imprisoned, because they hold the freedom of their country dearer than their personal liberty. There is surely something utterly wrong somewhere. Therefore, I cannot rejoice over the Government of India's decision."

HUQ ELECTED LEADER AGAIN

First Formal Meeting Of Progressive Coalition Party

CALCUTTA, December 4.

The first formal meeting of the Progressive Coalition Party was held this afternoon at the residence of the Chief Minister, Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, who was unanimously elected Leader of the Party.

102 members, belonging to the various groups in the Assembly, forming the new Coalition, attended the meeting, besides several members of the Upper House.

The name of Mr. Huq was proposed by Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose Leader of the Bengal Congress Parliamentary Party and was seconded by Mr. Shamsuddin Ahmed, Leader of the Krishak Proja Party.

The proposal was supported by Dr. Shyamaprasad Mookerjee, Leader of the Nationalist Party, Nawab Musharruf Hussain, Judicial and Legislative Minister, Khan Bahadur Hashemali Khan, Deputy Leader of the Progressive Assembly Party, Mr. Hem Chandra Nasker, Leader of the Independent Scheduled Caste Party and Mr. J W. Chippendale, (Anglo-Indian).

Mr. Huq, in the course of a short speech, said, that he expected great things in Bengal as a result of the formation of this party, which represented the different parties and interests in the Legislature.

Ministerialist Coalition Party Dissolved

CALCUTTA, December 4.

"Strong condemnation of the conduct of Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq in betraying the Ministerialist Coalition Party (of which he was the leader) by forming the Progressive Assembly Party and by accepting the leadership of a Coalition of some members of the Opposition Parties" was recorded in a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Ministerialist Coalition Party held this evening at the Council House. The Members of the newly formed Progressive Assembly Party, who were also members of the Ministerialist Coalition party did not attend the meeting.

The meeting also expressed its "want of confidence in Mr. Fazlul Huq for seceding from the Party with some of its members and thereby bringing about the resignation of the present Cabinet."

By another resolution, the meeting declared the Ministerialist Coalition Party to be dissolved.

The meeting was attended by 72 members of the Legislature, including six Ministers, with the Hon. Nawab Bahadur of Dacca in the Chair.—A. P.

JINNAH BLESSES NEW PARTY

Nazimuddin Elected President

CALCUTTA, Dec. 4.

The meeting of the newly formed Bengal Legislature Muslim League Party held this morning at the Council House was presided over by Maulana Akram Khan, M.L.C.

After the election of its leader, the meeting appointed a Committee with nine members to draft the constitution of the party as also its programme.

A message of goodwill from Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, as read out at the meeting.

The procedure adopted at the meeting with regard to the election of the leader of the Party was "in accordance with the Islamic idea and Islamic methods". Nobody offered himself as a candidate and members had the right to vote for any member of the party they liked, the principle being that the person elected had to accept the responsibility of the leadership and could not refuse it. Sir Nazimuddin got the largest number of votes and was accepted as leader of the Party.

Khan Bahadur Abdul Momin, Joint Secretary of the All-India Muslim League, who was the returning officer, did not, however, give out the other names voted for, nor the number of votes cast for the various names.—A. P.

Commerce Is Nation's Prosperity, Says Davar

(From Our Correspondent.)

NAGPUR (By Mail).

Speaking at the second annual social gathering of the Govindram Seksaria College of Commerce, Wardha, during the last week, Mr. S. R. Davar, of Bombay said that a country's wealth and prosperity can only be multiplied through the development of its commerce, industries and scientific agriculture with the assistance of modern labour saving and power-driven machines.

The instruction they were receiving at the College will make them useful and successful. But the school of experience in commerce had lessons to teach which no amount of their text book learning could make up for. The lack of proper type of education was largely responsible for the poverty of India. If more colleges of commerce and technology had been opened in large numbers in the past, they would have been much better off to-day, concluded Principal Davar.

CALCUTTA: The Working Committee of the Bengal Provincial Hindu Sabha has nominated Dr Shyama Prasad Mukerji, at present Working President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, for the presidentship of the Bhagalpore session of the Hindu Mahasabha.

CULVERT SINKS AND ENGINE CAPSIZES

TRIVANDRUM EXPRESS SUFFERS ON THURSDAY: MORE BREACHES ON S. I. RAILWAY LINES

MADRAS, Dec. 4.

The following Press Communique has been issued by the South Indian Railway, Trichinopoly:—

Owing to breaches through running is interrupted on the following sections:—

Between Talanallur and Villupuram on the Villupuram-Trichinopoly chord line.

Between Vriddachalam and Cuddalore junction.

Between Vriddachalam and Kattukottai section on the Vriddachalam branch line.

Transhipment is not possible at present. Probable time of restoration is about two to three days.

ENGINE CAPSIZES.

At about 4-30 hours on the 4th while No. 6 Trivandrum Express, which was diverted via Tanjore-Mayavaram section was running between Kille and Porto Novo an arch culvert at Mile V. T. 147|16-17 sank under the weight of the engine and the engine capsized and the adjoining vehicle, which was an inspection carriage tilted. The railway officer travelling in the inspection carriage and two of the engine crew were slightly injured. One of the firemen is reported to be missing. There was no injury to passengers. Transhipment is not possible at present. Probable time of restoration is not less than three days.

Passengers from Madras to stations south of the interrupted sections and 'vice versa' will have to travel via Trichinopoly and Erode on the Broad Gauge Section."

ANOTHER LINE BREACHED.

The Assistant Traffic Superintendent, Trichy, wiring from Vriddhachalam junction to-day says:—

"The line between Uttangalmangalam and Neyveli on Vriddhachalam-Cuddalore section is also breached. Transhipment is not possible. Through runnings likely to be resumed in about 24 hours".

BREACHES ON BRIDGE-EMBARKMENT SINKING.

The Assistant Traffic Superintendent, South Indian Railway, Trichinopoly at Vriddhachalam junction, wires:

"The line between Mukhasaparur and Kuttakudi and Mukhasaparur and Vriddhachalam on Vriddhachalam-Salem section is breached at several places. Breaches exist on both sides of the girder bridge No. 10 and embankment from Mile F. 104|3 and 9 is sinking. Transhipment is not possible. Probable restoration not possible within a week".—A. P.

More Breaches

VRIDDHACHALAM, Dec. 4.

The Assistant Traffic Superintendent, S. I. Railway, states that the line between Uttangalmangalam and Neyveli on the Vriddhachalam—Cuddalore section has also breached. Transhipment is not possible.

Through running of trains is likely to be resumed in about 24 hours.

Delay In Telegrams

A telegraph notification says: Due to total interruption on all Madras—Southern India and Madras—Bombay telegraph wires, all traffic to Madras, Ceylon and stations served by Madras are subject to serious delay.

Transhipment Impossible

MADRAS, Dec. 4.

In continuation of reports regarding Railway breaches near Vriddhachalam owing to strong gale and heavy rain, the Assistant Traffic Superintendent, South Indian Railway, Trichinopoly, sends the following wire from Vriddhachalam:

The line between Mukhasa Parur and Kuttakudi, and Mukhasa Parur and Vriddhachalam, on the Vriddhachalam-Salem section, has breached at several places. Breaches exist on both sides of a girder bridge and embankment from mile F 140|3 and 9 is sinking. Transhipment is not possible.

Probable restoration of the line is not possible within a week.—United Press.

Bihar Ban On 73 Books And Leaflets

PATNA, Dec. 4.

Seventy-three books and leaflets emanating from the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society and the International Bible Students' Association have been proscribed by the Government of Bihar under the Defence of India Rules.

Of these, 33 books are stated to be written by J. F. Rutherford. The list also includes 22 gramophone records produced by the Watch Tower Bible Tract Society, New York.—A. P.

ANEY TO VISIT BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Dec. 4.

The Hon. Mr. M. S. Aney, Member of the Viceroy's Council will visit Bombay on December 18 and will proceed to Poona on the 19th.—A. P.

ATTACK ON POLICE PARTY

Sub-Inspector And Head Constable Killed

SARGODHA, Dec. 4.

Dewan Baij Nath, Sub-Inspector of Police, Zamanshah, Head Constable of the police station Katha Saghral, and a habildar of Dhokhero in the area of village Chavki, are reported to have lost their lives in circumstances exact details of which are lacking.

It is reported that Sub-Inspector Baijnath and a Head Constable were at Dhokhero yesterday afternoon in connection with the investigation of a case. In circumstances, exact details of which are not yet known. The Sub-Inspector is alleged to have fired his pistol, killing a havildar. The police party, it is further reported, has attacked resulting in fatal injuries to the Sub-Inspector and the Head Constable. Full details are awaited.

Mr. H. C. Hallows Superintendent of Police with a police posse, has rushed to the spot.—A. P.

Allama Taken To Madras Penitentiary

VELLORE, Dec. 3.

Allama Mashriqui, leader of the Khaksar movement who was a cetenu in the Vellore Central Jail was taken yesterday by the Bangalore Express to the Madras penitentiary.—A. P.

WILL POONA OFFER BE REVIVED?

(Continued from page 6)

State will probably hold that clauses like the marriage clause should not form part of an agreement of this kind. As regards permits and fees, he will leave it to the two Governments to enter into further consultations and decide on such modifications as they consider necessary. There are two other points however, on which the Secretary of State can explain the British Cabinet's views—firstly the meaning and the scope of the assurances given in Parliament to Indians, particularly whether these assurances referred only to Indians settled in Burma or applied also to people in India, and secondly whether there is any legal force in the Burma contention that if an Indian settled in Burma came to India even on a short visit, he will be liable to be treated as a new entrant. On the latter at least the Secretary of State is expected to hold that such an interpretation cannot be placed on the Government of Burma Act.

After the receipt of the Secretary of State's views, the Government of India will resume negotiations with the Government of Burma on the various points of principle and detail which call for re-examination. As the Burma Premier will not be back in his country before the end of December, the negotiations can only be taken up early next year. At the moment it is too early to say whether these negotiations will result in mutually acceptable modifications of the proposed agreement. An urgent meeting of the Standing Emigration Committee will, in any case, be summoned in the third week of January to review the position both in respect of Burma and of Ceylon.

Gestapo In Japan

—It has become an official Fifth Column!

SENSATIONAL REVELATIONS

in the next Sunday Edition of

The Bombay Chronicle

SUNDAY, DEC. 7.

The Half-Column
By "Dim"

Headline in yesterday's morning's "Chronicle": "Amery May Visit India To End Deadlock." Amery may visit India, I don't deny, but I should think he'll create another deadlock.

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Congratulations again to Sir Roger Lumley for being the first among Governors to effect jail delivery. You know, I'm beginning to feel Gestapo Agent P.Q. 13 was right when he informed me some time ago that Sir Roger Lumley had strong leanings towards the Congress. Between now and his retiremen; from office as Governor of Bombay, he can do much for this province and for this country and for his own people. I think he will be among the first to interview (even privately) his old Ministers, and discuss with them, his point of view, explain to them the situation that faces him. Perhaps, it would help these Ministers when they meet at the A.I.C.C. to have first hand knowledge of the reality of the situation, such a could not have been known to them while they were in prison. I think Sir Roger Lumley could do it and tactfully.

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A number of you must have seen the following, but I wish to draw special attention to it, because I think it is important. You should know how public opinion in England expresses itself. Reuter's Parliamentary Correspondent writes of the discussions of the Labour Party and says: "A section of that party wants what it regards as equality of treatment for all—conscription property and wealth as well as of men and women, and withdrawal of Mr. Attlee, Mr. Greenwood and Mr. Bevin from the War-Cabinet, if they do not get it."

Watch this news! It will, in my opinion, lead to something more in the future.

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When I suggested sometime ago that there was some feeling in this country for an AID TO THE SOVIETS party, I found a strange question asked to me by someone. He said: "But how do you propose to give that aid?" I have thought over the matter now and reading the "Statesman's" suggestion that Jawaharlal should be sent to the Russian Front, I feel it would be easy and a great gesture from us in India to the Soviet people that Jawaharlal should take what little we can collect for him. Russia, I don't suggest that Jawaharlal should arrive in Moscow with two tanks or a Spitefore, but surely he could take with him an ambulance corps or medicines for the sick and the wounded a gift from us. Or if the Soviets preferred it the amount could stand credited in their name in any part of the world from where they could get such goods they need. Here is something else which Sir Roger Lumley could take the initiative in and what a gesture it would be that a British Governor of a province collected funds for the Soviet people and sent them with a great Indian. What a masterstroke of gesture-making!

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EX-PREMIER ON ORISSA MINISTRY

CUTTACK, December 4.

Interviewed regarding the formation of the Orissa Ministry Mr. Biswanath Das, ex-Premier, who was released this morning said though it should have come off earlier. In his opinion the Madras Estates Land Amendment Bill which was sponsored in the Orissa Assembly by the Congress Party was entirely responsible for the formation of the Ministry.

Mr. Das is issuing a lengthy statement explaining the attitude of the Congress Party towards the new Ministry.—United Press.

FINE FARE IN FOREIGN FILMS

Red Skelton and Ann Rutherford in "Whistling in the Dark" at Metro.

'WHISTLING IN THE DARK" AT METRO

"Whistling in the Dark" presents a comedian famous on the stage but comparatively new to the screen, in one of the funniest offerings in many a season. Adapted from the Broadway stage hit, the picture offers fast-talking Red Skelton, who is famous on the stage in every large city in America, in his first M-G-M starring role. The new film is being shown at Metro from to-day.

Skelton makes good his reputation of "funniest man on the stage by extending his reputation to the screen. He plays a radio "crime creator," whose broadcasts attract a group of cultist racketeers. They seize him and demand that he invent a "perfect murder" for them. For good measure they also seize his fiancee, played by pretty Ann Rutherford, and her love rival Virginia Grey, to insure acquiescence.

Then the fun begins. Red and the girls go through hilarious adventures as the nimble-witted one invents means of squirming out of their predicament and bringing the criminals to justice.

Skelton's witty chatter is infectious. Miss Rutherford handles comedy beautifully, as does Miss Grey. The fight the two girls stage over the blushing Skelton is a hilarious highlight.

Conrad Veidt, who scored in "A Woman's Face," presents another mysterious character as the sinister leader of the cult racketeers. To add to the hilarity of the picture is "Rags" Ragland, comedy hit of Broadway's "Panama Hattie."

S. Sylvan Simon, who directed "Keeping Company" and "Washington Melodrama," showed his distinct flair for comedy in his skillful handling of the rapid-fire laugh.

"Bitter Sweet" At Capitol

Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy appear in technicolor in "Bitter Sweet", picturization of the Noel Coward operetta which comes to the Capitol Cinema on Saturday.

The story of London and Vienna in the Gay Nineties, "Bitter Sweet" presents Miss MacDonald as Sarah Millick, London belle who, on the eve of her wedding elopes to Vienna with her singing teacher, Carl Linden, played by Eddy, and lives an idyllic life there until a captain of the Imperial cavalry, Baron von Tranisch, begins paying her attention

George Sanders is seen as Von Tranisch; with Ian Hunter as his gambling opponent. Lord Shayne who befriends the two principals. Edward Ashley appears as Harry Daventry, Sarah's original fiance; Felix Bressart and Curt Bois play Max and Ernst, musician-friends of Carl Linden; Fay Holden enacts Sarah's mother; Diana Lewis appears as Jane, who eventually marries Harry. Included also in the large featured cast are Lynne Carver, Sig Rumann and Janet Beecher.

The stars sing eleven of the original Noel Coward songs, arranged by Herbert Stothart. They are "I'll See You Again," "The Call of Life," "If You could Only Come With Me," "What Is Love?" "To-kay," "Ladies of the Town," "Love in Any Language," "Our Little Cafe," "Zigeuner," "If Love Were All" and "Serenade in Vienna."

W. S. Van Dyke II who directed Miss MacDonald and Eddy in "Naughty Marietta," "Rose Marie" and "Sweethearts," also guided "Bitter Sweet," with Victor Saville of "The Citadel" and "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" fame, producing. The screen play is by Lesser Samuels.

"THE BIRTH OF A BABY" AT EDWARD

One of the most unusual and amazing pictures ever screened, "The Birth of a Baby", has come to The Edward this week. Although this sensational film has already had a long run of several weeks in Bombay, public interest in it has by no means abated. Filmed with complete candour and honesty, it reveals truth and tenderness in a plain story of everyday occurrence. The story of the film is what the title exactly implies, for it shows the physiological processes connected with the birth of a baby.

'MOON OVER MIAMI' AT REGAL

Don Ameche And Betty Grable Together Again

All the lavishness of "That Night in Rio," the melody of "Tin Pan Alley," and the eye-appeal of "Down Argentine Way" have been brought together in the latest 20th Century-Fox Technicolor musical, "Moon Over Miami," which comes to-day to the Regal Cinema.

Framed against the lush tropical beauty of Miami, the glamour city of the South," Moon Over Miami" features Don Ameche, Betty Grable, and Robert Cummings in their most delightful and entertaining roles. The stars more than live up to their parts by giving outstanding performances. Charlotte Greenwood, Jack Haley, Carole Landis and Cobina Wright, Jr., are other members of the star-studded cast whose acting merits orchids.

This amusing film is the gay, tune-filled tale of how to invest an inheritance. Two sisters, Betty Grable and Carole Landis, induce their aunt, Charlotte Greenwood, to accompany them to Miami. All three have just inherited dol. 5,000, and Betty decides to invest it in clothes, and a lavish suite at one of Miami's ritziest hotels. Her purpose is to hook a millionaire by looking like a millionairess. Carole poses as her secretary and Miss Greenwood as her personal maid. Betty is so convincing as an heiress that she not only hooks a millionaire, Robert Cummings, but another fortune hunter like herself, Don Ameche. Unfortunately she falls in love with Don before she discovers her mistake. Down to her last dollar, she accepts Bob's proposal, but before she can marry him, cupid sets things topsy-turvy for a mad-cap climax.

The dancing is very impressive. A Conga routine is performed by Dance Director Hermes Pan. His demonstrations on the set were so excellent that the studio drafted him to go through this routine for the film with Betty Grable. Betty also does a sure-fire number with the sensational Condos Brothers, stage and night club favorites. Jack Cole, one of the nation's finest interpretive dancers and his company of sixty bring to the screen for the first time a sensational series of modernized Seminole Indian folk dances.

Walter Lang, who directed "Tin Pan Alley," repeats this cinematic triumph in "Moon Over Miami," Harry Joe Brown was the producer. The skilfully contrived screen play by Vincent Lawrence and Brown Holmes was adapted by George Seaton and Lynn Starling from a play by Stephen Powys

Carole Landis, Robert Cummings, Betty Grable and Don Ameche in "Moon Over Miami" at Regal.

Billy Conn v. Joe Louis At New Empire

Exclusive fight pictures of Billy Conn versus Joe Louis will be shown along with the feature film at the New Empire commencing Friday December 5th. We see the most sensational blow-by-blow thrills of the year, depicting 13 rounds of the fastest fistic action ever filmed, including the terrific twelfth when the Heavyweight championship hung in the balance, and the knockout that saved the Brown Bomber's Crown.

"IN THE NAVY" AT PALACE

Crammed with audience entertainment values, Universal's new service comedy, "In The Navy" starring Bud Abbott, Lou Costello and Dick Powell, which is shown at The Palace this week, will undoubtedly prove itself to be one of the greatest laugh hits ever brought to the screen.

Highlighted by brilliant performances, adorned with new songs and crazy comedy, it even surpasses "Buck Privates". Heading the big cast are the Andrews Sisters, Dick Foran and Claire Dodd. Deserving special mention are those sensational exponents of dance, the celebrated Condos Brothers.

Nancy Kelly in "Parachute Battalion" at New Empire.

"PARACHUTE BATTALION" AT NEW EMPIRE

Thrilling behind-the-scenes training activities of the 501st Parachute Battalion provides the sensational background for RKO Radio's "Parachute Battalion," the feature attraction appearing at the New Empire Theatre from to-day. The story is one of powerful emotional appeal and co-stars such favourites as Robert Preston, Nancy Kelly, Edmond O'Brien, and Harry Carey while Buddy Ebsen, Paul Kelly, Richard Cromwell and Robert Barrat are featured.

Aside from its suspense, and its perfectly balanced story, "Parachute Battalion" offers astonishing realism, and a truthful depiction of the newest branch of Uncle Sam's fighting forces, the Parachute Corps. The story, an original screen-play by John Twist and Captain John H. Fite, U. S. Air Corps, is invested with meticulous authenticity of background and training routine. Special permission was received from the Army's high command to make the major part of the scenes at First Benning, Georgia, home of the 501st Battalion.

The adventures of four young Americans from widely divergent walks of life are chronicled from the day they enlist in the Battalion. It shows them undergoing a severe training routine which changes them from raw material to fighting machines in the most thrilling and dangerous arm of the service. Then comes the crucial test, the first jump from a transport plane fifteen hundred feet up. Hard, irascible but kindly Sergeant Bill Richards becomes, in the capable hands of veteran trouper Harry Carey, one of the most memorable portraits of the typical army war horse ever to reach the screen.

The sergeant's daughter Kit, as played by Nancy Kelly, is the very charming love interest and the cause of bitter rivalry between two of the youths, a rivalry which almost wrecks their careers. Thrills, human interest, novelty, a good love story and intense psychological drama delightfully relieved by generous sprinkling of good comedy, are all rolled into a bundle as efficiently prepared as a packed parachute, in "Parachute Battalion."

'YOU WILL REMEMBER' —FINE MUSICAL AT EXCELSIOR

Excelsior Theatre audiences will have the opportunity of seeing on Friday 5th December, an outstanding British production titled "You Will Remember." Two prominent screen personalities have the co-starring roles in this British film—Robert Morley, and Emlyn Williams.

The film is based on the life story of the famous British composer, Leslie Stuart. The colourful and meteoric career of Stuart provides graphic material for the screen, with its quickly alternating moments of success, pathos, romance and comedy.

The main theme of the film relates the phenomenal friendship of Leslie Stuart with the erstwhile companion of his youth, a shoe-black and street vendor who, throughout the amazing vicissitudes of the composer's career, still sticks to his menial calling.

Emlyn Williams plays this latter role—his performance is his finest screen achievement—whilst Robert Morley plays the part of Leslie Stuart.

Naturally enough, music plays a big part in this film, Stuart's most famous compositions, "Lily of Laguna" and "Little Dolly Daydream" are played by the London Symphony Orchestra, under Percival Mackey, whilst in one of the biggest scenes, the sequence where Stuart makes his sensational comeback to public favour, the music is supplied by the Grenadier Guards Band.

Dorothy Hyson has an important role; she anpears as Ellaline Terrise and Tom E. Finglas portrays Eugene Stratton and an unusually brilliant supporting cast includes Nicholas Phipps, Gertrude Musgrove, Charles Lefaux, Allan Jeayes, Charles Victor and Maire

Not Generous But Tactful

N. M. Joshi Says 12½ Per Cent Bonus Is Mere Sop Thrown To Millworkers

The decision of the Bombay Millowners' Association to give a bonus of 12 1/2 per cent was characterised as partial, tardy fulfilment and unsatisfactory in method by Mr. M. N. Joshi in an interview to a representative of the "Bombay Chronicle."

Though not very generous, Mr. Joshi thought that the workers of Bombay should be thankful even for such small mercies as it brought them some urgently needed relief.

TARDY FULFILMENT

He said:—"The decision of the Millowners' Association taken under the advice of the Bombay Government to give a bonus of twelve and a half per cent of the earnings of one year is only a partial and tardy fulfilment by an unsatisfactory method, of what was due to the textile workers in Bombay.

The dearness allowance so far granted does not fully compensate for the increase in the cost of living. At the same time the industry is now enjoying all the benefits of a practical monopoly. An increase of only 25 per cent in their wages demanded by the workers was not only justified but very moderate and should have been granted long ago.

HALF DEMAND MET

"The grant of a bonus equal to 12 1/2 per cent of the earnings only meets half the demand and that too by the faulty system of a bonus instead of by an increase in wages. The omission of the amount of dearness allowance in calculating the amount of bonus is unjustified and the plan to pay the bonus in February instead of in December involves unnecessary delay and avoidable tantalisation.

"However unsatisfactory and inadequate the proposal is, it will give the workers some urgently needed relief and in their present leaderless and weakened position the textile workers in Bombay must be thankful even for small mercies both to the Bombay Millowners' Association and to the Bombay Government. Though the action is not very generous it is at least tactful."

Ex-Sub-Inspector's Suit Maintainable

NEW DELHI, Dec. 4.

The Federal Court to-day giving judgment in the appeal of Suraj Narain Anand, former Sub-Inspector of Police, North-West Frontier Province, held that he was at least entitled to a declaration that the order of dismissal against him was void and inoperative and that the Courts below were not justified in dismissing the suit against the order as wholly unsustainable. The Federal Court also held that he was obviously not entitled to any relief by way of damages for wrongful dismissal.

As the case had been disposed of by the courts below on the preliminary issue of maintainability, the Federal Court was not in a position to say what other questions remained to be tried before the nature of the reliefs to be awarded to the plaintiff could be finally determined.

Their Lordships accordingly set aside the decree of the Judicial Commissioner's Court and remitted the case with a declaration that there shall be substituted for the decree appealed against a declaration in the terms above stated, with such further directions as the circumstances of the case might require in the light of the observations in this judgment. The plaintiff would be entitled to the costs of this appeal. The Judicial Commissioner's Court would deal with the costs of the proceedings in the courts below.—A. P.

SUNDAY SHOW AT REGAL

There will be an extra show of "Moon Over Miami" at the Regal on Sunday morning at 10-30, at the usual evening prices.

SUNDAY SHOW AT CAPITOL

"The Great Ziegfeld" with William Powell, Myrna Loy and Louise Rayner will be screened at the Capitol Cinema on Sunday morning at 10-30.

SUNDAY SHOW AT METRO.

On Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Errol Flynn and Olivia De Havilland in "Captain Blood" a Warner Bros. Picture.

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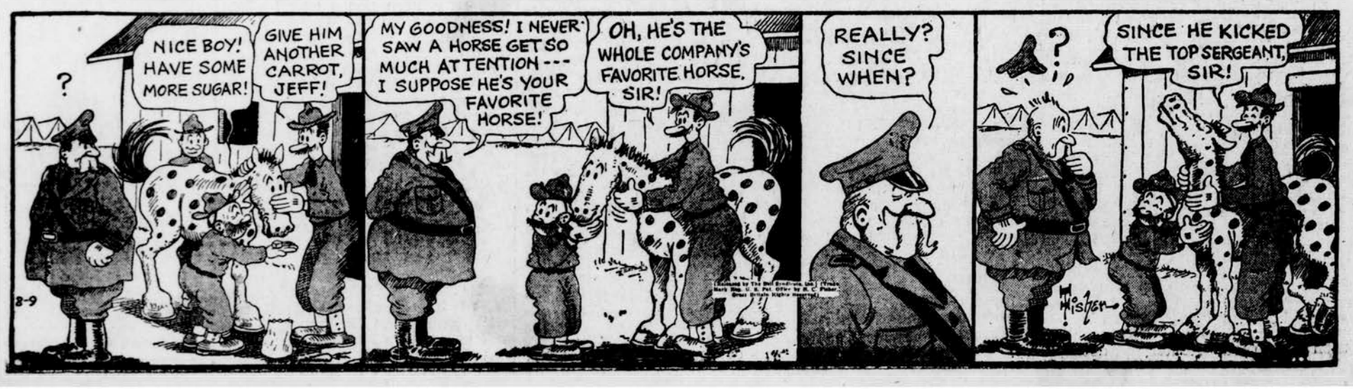
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Bombay X'mas Meeting: 2nd Day

ACCEPTANCES FOR SATURDAY'S RACES

The following are the Acceptances for the Second Day of the Bombay Christmas Meeting, to be run at Mahalaxmi, to-morrow, Saturday:—

THE NOVICE PLATE (Div. II).—Distance 7 Furlongs.

Mujbil Hamid 9-0, Sheriff 9-0, Alwar 8-12, Sa'ad Jassim 8-12, Shaikh Ghadhban 8-7, Sagir Dahman 8-7, Sea King 8-7, Mars 8-7, Zamil al Nassr 8-7, Jaishri (late Miznat Shammar) 8-7, Baroda Fighter (late Barq Dijla) 8-7, Sikandar (late Da'ajami Ismail) 8-7, Mujalli 8-7, Amiral 8-7, Long Silk 8-7, Anid al Iraq 8-7, Hilal Salam (late Spitfire in Iraq) 8-7, Iraq Marshal 8-1, Arab Shah (late Sa'ad Khasraj) 7-12, Jarir 7-12, Riman (late Lion Tamer in Iraq) 7-5, Umeim 7-6.

THE NOVICE PLATE (Div. I).—Distance 7 Furlongs.

Poppy Day 9-0, Canter 8-12, Filfil 8-12, Sahran 8-11, Piccolo 8-11, Ushama 8-11, Defiant 8-11, School Boy 8-7, Banash Sagban 8-7, Patel 8-7, Al Ra'eed 8-7, Hatim Tay 8-7, Prince Hachim 8-2, Boonian (late Taj Thumaya) 8-2, Suez (late Hussan al Zaman II) 7-12, Zarina (late (Nadirat al Furat) 7-12, Prince Mahmud 8-2, Sidi Barrani 7-12.

THE TENBY PLATE.—Distance 6 Furlongs.

Vnjal Kumari 9-2, Enchantress II 9-0, Sugar Baby 8-7, Honor M. 8-4, Katipo 9-2, Silk Apron 9-2, Miss Vesington 9-0, Oil Can 8-11, Tiger Kid 8-11, Valentia Jinks 8-9, Loveable 8-4, Royal Talent 8-0, Lidsdown 8-0, Kamala 7-11, Virmati II 7-7, Not Out 7-9.

THE HURSTWOOD PLATE.—Distance 1 1|4 Miles.

Ballinahown 9-4, Avon Song 8-11, Monocle 8-9, Doctrine 8-6, Sitara 8-6, Archmoon 8-4, Shallvahan 8-4, Cavalier 8-0, Monte Carlo 7-4.

(Note—No allowance can be claimed in this Race.)

THE BANGALORE PLATE.—Distance 1 Mile.

Double Oak 9-7, Fairy Queen 8-0, Turf King 9-0, Lakhpat 9-0, Osman Pasha 8-0, Bell Boy 8-8, Twine 8-4, Ishtay 7-9, Amulet 8-2, Red Flower 8-2, Shahenshah 8-0, Sammy Brass 7-11, Marengo 7-7.

THE IDAR GOLD CUP.—Distance 7 Furlongs.

No Wonder 9-4, Pay Master 9-4, Sheritoy 9-1, Eastern Park 8-11, Chu-Wai-Chu 8-11, Panorama 8-4, Sunny Dan 8-11, Playwright 8-11, Liberty 8-8, Money Gold 8-4, Highland Reel 8-4, Highland Heather 8-4, Scottish Star 8-4, Kunigal 8-4, Bevin Boy 8-4, Pierre 8-4, Aussie Girl 8-1, Firdouse 8-1, Lupescu 8-1, Church Bell 8-1.

(Note—No allowance can be claimed in this Race.)

THE CARLISLE PLATE (Div. I). Distance 6 Furlongs.

Gipsy Girl 9-0, Paprika 8-9, Holly Garth 8-0, Mormon 9-0 Spun Glass 8-6, Snow White 8-6, Right Bet 8-6, Little Tim 8-6, Ginger Boy 8-5, Clarify 8-0, Sedgefield 8-0, So That's That 7-11, Apsapi 7-11.

THE WINDSOR PLATE.—Distance 7 Furlongs.

National Flag 9-4, Pierrot 9-0, Cillas 8-7, Star of Gwalior (late Caxton) 8-4, El Morocco 8-0, Golden Arrrow 7-4, Moot Law 9-0, Gloaming 8-9, All Alone 8-11, One In A Million (late MacKann) 8-11, Nuit-de-Noel 7-4, Chanak 8-11, Old Reliance 8-3, Scotland For Ever 8-4, Dancing Comet 8-1, Ballinahown 7-11, Hot Bun II 7-9.

(Note—No allowance can be claimed in this Race.)

THE CARLISLE PLATE. (Div. II). Distance 6 Furlongs.

Marcheux 9-0, Northern Lights 9-0, Roopkumari (late Parkside) 8-13, Autumn Lady 8-6, Sharda 8-0 Um Colsoom 8-9, Gone With The Wind 8-9, Albertine 8-8, Chitor 8-6, Masque 8-2, Royal Opera 8-0, Bastion 7-12.

"C. R." IN MADRAS

MADRAS, December 4.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar, ex-Premier of Madras arrived in Madras this afternoon from Bangalore by the Bangalore Express. He is now much better though somewhat weak.—A. P

MOOT LAW PUTS UP FINE PERFORMANCE ON TRACK

Qaid al Furat Shapes Like A Winner

The following track-work has been noted for the Second Day of Bombay Christmas Meeting.

MORMON (Southey) was speedier than ROYAL OPERA (R. B.) when covering six furlongs on the tan from 7 to 1 in 1 min. 2 secs. and were not fully extended

GIPSY GIRL (Jones) covered six furlongs on the tan in 1 min 18 3|5 secs.

CLARIFY (Maxwell) asserted superiority over BASTION (Khandu) while traversing six furlongs on the inner grass and clocked 48 1|2 secs. to do the last 4 furlongs.

SILK APRON (Brace) held ROYAL TALENT (Bromley) in a six furlongs gallop on the inner grass and recorded 1 min. 22 secs.

ISHRAT SULTANA (R. B.) was ahead of VIJAI KUMARI (Y. Devne) when doing nine furlongs on the tan in 2 mins. 2 secs.

KAMLA (R. B.) was about level with BEVIN BOY (Md. Khan) in six furlongs on the tan and clocked 1 min. 20 3|5 secs.

ROOP KUMARI (S. Bala) held advantage over AUTUMN LADY (Y. Devne) when completing six furlongs on the tan in 1 min. 19 1|2 secs

PICCOLO (Md. Khan) easily defeated MUJALLI (Glyde) while covering seven furlongs on the inner grass in 1 min. 40 1|2 secs.

SO THAT'S THAT (Md. Khan) had a break of about four lengths from MASQUE (Roberts) at the end of a six furlongs gallop on the tan from 9 to 3. They covered the distance in 1 min. 20 secs.

SITARA (Burn) covered nine furlongs on the tan in 2 min. 1 1|2 secs. She was joined by TALK (Evans) at the seventh furlong post. The last seven furlongs were covered in 1 min. 34 1|2 secs.

QA'ID AL FURAT (Hayat Mahomed) was about level with ASTAFER ALLAH (B. MacQuade) when covering a mile on the inner grass in 1 min. 56 secs. and the former shaped like a winner.

AL RA'EED (K. B. Irani), did seven furlongs on the tan in 1 min. 46 1|2 secs.

PRINCE MAHMUD (Md. Khan) was too good when holding PRINCE SURI (A. Sattar) in five furlongs on the inner grass in 1 min. 12 secs.

MOOT LAW (Evans) displayed speed when holding SCOTLAND FOR EVER in a gallop over six furlongs on the tan covering the distance in 1 min. 18 secs. He has never been better.

NATIONAL FLAG (Britt) proved better than SHALIVAHAN (Marrable) when doing seven furlongs on the inner grass in 1 min 30 secs.

BALLINAHOWN (Jones) covered nine furlongs on the inner grass in 1 min. 58 1|2 secs.

OLD RELIANCE (Southey) had the measure of DIAMOND RING (Sibbritt) when completing seven furlongs on the inner grass in 1 min. 34 1|2 secs.

DOCTRINE (Davison) recorded 1 min. 47 1|2 secs. while covering a mile on the tan.

HOLLY GARTH (R. B.) was head of SHARDA (R. B.) and PAPRIKA (R. B.) when covering six furlongs on the tan in 1 min. 19 secs.

LITTLE TIM (Davison) was speedier than OIL CAN (R.B.) when doing six furlongs on the tan in 1 min. 20 secs.

RED FLOWER (R. Shinde) was not fully extended when covering a mile on the tan in 1 min. 51 4|5 secs.

EL MOROCCO (Y. Devne) held GOLDEN ARROW (Jones) while covering six furlongs on the tan in 1 min. 19 1|2 secs.

ENCHANTRESS II displayed plenty of speed when holding SUGAR BABY when covering six furlongs on the tan in 1 min. 19 1|5 secs.

General Strike Postponed In Central Province

NAGPUR, Dec. 4.

Textile Mills in Nagpur, Ellichpur and Akila have agreed to give their operatives all the benefits recommended by the Textile Enquiry Committee and approved by the Provincial Government.

The C. P. Textile Union's Council of action met here under the Presidentship of Mr. R. S. Ruiker and came to the conclusion that since some of the Mills had accepted the Government recommendations regarding benefits to workers in full, a situation was created in which a province-wide general strike may not be considered necessary.

The Council therefore decided to postpone the question of recommending the general strike to workers for the next meeting of the Council at Pulgaon on December 7, and in the meantime urge the remaining mills in the province to accept the Government's recommendations.—A. P

KARACHI.—The Agent to the Governor-General has arrived in Khairpur State on a tour of inspection. He will be staying for 4 days.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

Civil Appointments

Mr. M. Mohey Deen, Principal, Bombay Veterinary College, is granted leave on average pay for one month from 3rd December 1941 or from the subsequent dat of relief.

M. K. B. Nair, Assistant Professor, Bombay Veterinary College, is appointed to officiate as Principal Bombay Veterinary College, vice Mr. M. Mohey Deen proceeding on leave.

Mr. M. Zinkin, I.C.S. Assistant Collector, Western Division West Khandesh, was appointed to hold charge of the Eastern Division in addition to his own duties from 12th September to 13th October 1941.

Mr. S J M Peerzada, Deputy Superintendent of Police, on return from leave, to officiate as District Superintendent of Police, Surat, vice Mr K D Billimoria transferred;

Mr K D Billimoria, District Superintendent of Police, Surat, on relief, to be District Superintendent of Police, Thana, vice Mr G C Ryan.

Mr G C Ryan, Officiating District Superintendent of Police, Thana, on relief, to be Officer on special duty in the Bombay City Special Branch till the Christmas holidays and thereafter in the Criminal Investigation Department, Poona prior to his appointment with the Government of India as Assistant Director, Intelligence Bureau.

The Governor of Bombay has sanctioned for a further period of one year from the 1st December 1941, the continuance of the temporary post of Assistant Director of Information and Mr A S Ekambara Iyer, is to continue to hold it.

Mr N M Miabhoy to officiate as Assistant Judge and Assistant Sessions Judge, Belgaum, vice Mr M S Patil reverting as First Class Subordinate Judge.

Dr. Kamlakar Dinkar Manohar, M D (Bom), to officiate as Professor of Pathology, Grant Medical College, and Pathologist, J J Group of Hospitals, Bombay, in the Bombay Medical Service Class I, Division II, from the date he takes over charge of his duties, vice Dr M J Parmanand, MD (Bom.).

Mr E S Parikh, BA, LLB, Advocate (OS), to be a part-time Professor of Law at the Government Law College, Bombay, from date he takes charge to the 31st May 1942 vice Mr B S Kalelkar resigned.

Mr H K Chainani, I C S, Deputy Secretary to Government, Legal Department, and Secretary to the Bombay Legislative Council, it granted leave on average pay from 3rd January 1942 to 2nd April 1942 with permission to prefix to his leave the Christmas holidays from 24th December 1941 to 2nd January 1942.

MR. P. S. ROY TO BE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY

CUTTACK, Dec. 3.

It is understood that Mr. Peari Sankar Roy, M.L.A., has been appointed Parliamentary Secretary by the Governor of Orissa. Mr. Roy was elected from the Labour constituency on Congress ticket, and was the Chief Whip of the Congress Assembly Party.—United Press.

Federal Court

GAUBA'S PETITION TURNED DOWN

NEW DELHI, Dec. 4.

The Federal Court to-day dismissed Mr K L Gauba's petition questioning the validity of the Lahore High Court's decision refusing to grant him leave to appeal to the Federal Court, saying that the petition failed "in limine."

In the course of judgment Their Lordships observed: "Whether the High Court was right or wrong in withholding certificates (on which it is not for us to express any opinion) we see reason to suppose that it did not act in fact entirely perversely or maliciously in doing so."

In the other appeal of Surajnarain Anand, former Sub-Inspector of Police, Peshawar Their Lordships set aside the decree of the Judicial Commissioner's Court. The plaintiff, however, is not entitled to any relief for wrongful dismissal from service.—United Press.

Technicians To Be Trained—To Relieve Doctors

NEW DELHI, Dec. 4

Press Note:—With a view to economise in the use of qualified doctors required by the army in the present emergency, the Government of India have decided to recruit technicians for employment on routine medical duties in military hospitals.

These men will be employed as compounders, radio-graphers, and laboratory assistants and will be enrolled as Warrant Officers Class II in the Indian Medical Department. They will relieve a large number of doctors who will be utilised in other spheres requiring experts knowledge.

The men to be recruited for this service will be required to have passed the matriculation or an equivalent examination of a recognised Indian University. Preference, however, will be given to those possessing previous training and experience in their special subjects.

Men already in Government services who wish to volunteer will be eligible for this service. They will be given an extra 25 per cent of their pay as compensatory allowance while serving in India and fifty per cent if called upon to serve overseas.—A. P.

Royist T. U. C. Gets Busy

LAHORE, Dec. 3.

In pursuance of the resolution passed at the All-India Anti-Fascist Trade Union Conference recently held in Lahore Mr A K Mukerji, Secretary of the Indian Federation of Labour, has sent the following cable to Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Labour Minister:

"All India Anti-Fascist Labour Conference, presidentship M N Roy representing majority organised workers, sends message British Labour, reaffirming international solidarity disowning non-co-operation, neutrality in bitter struggle against common enemy. Determined rally of Indian Labour on your side. Appeal strengthen our hand exercising your influence. Indo-British Labour Front intergral part international Anti-Fascist Peoples Front alone guarantee democratic freedom for both."

The Secretary has also sent the following Cable to M Maisky Soviet Ambassador in London:

"All-India Anti-Fascist Labour Conference, presidentship M N Roy, representing majority organised workers send fraternal greetings Soviet workers."—A. P.

DACCA RIOTS ECHO

Municipal Vice-Chairman Committed To Sessions

DACCA, Dec. 4.

Mr. R. S. T. John, Extra Additional District Magistrate, to-day committed Khan Saheb Abdul Hasnat Ahmed, Vice-Chairman of the Dacca Municipality to sessions to take his trial under Sections 436 and 395, read with 109, I. P. C. (abetment to arson and looting).

The Magistrate granted accused 48 hours 'ad interim' bail to pray for bail before the Sessions Judge.

The prosecution alleged that during the communal disturbances in the city on March 19 about 200 persons began to loot and set fire to the Hindu shops at the Lazarus buildings and other buildings of Moulvi Bazar. Two constables on duty saw the mob breaking open Hindu shops and looting and setting fire to them. They went and reported this matter to the Sub-Inspector Ganga Charan Bhattacharji, who was on duty at Mogultaly. Mr. Bhattacharji ran to the spot with constables and saw and heard accused Khan Saheb Hasnat giving orders to loot and set fire to Hindu shops and to do this quickly. Some shops were then burning. Mr. Bhattacharji with constables chased the mob, but they attacked the police party with brickbats. Mr. Bhattacharji then went back and reported the matter to the Circle Inspector, A. Rezzaque. Both of them then went to the spot with an armed force. On seeing the armed force the Khan Saheb departed in his car and the mob also dispersed.—A. P.

KARACHI.—A deputation of the Karachi Municipal Corporation led by the Mayor will shortly visit New Delhi to press the Government of India for subsidy towards financing the Indus water scheme to Karachi City.

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Congress Ex-Ministers Reach Bombay

Patwardhan, Antrolikar And Jedhe Still In Jail

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 4.

The orders for the release of Maulana Azad were conveyed to Maulana Azad at 3 p.m. by the Superintendent, Naini Jail. By half past three a crowd had collected at the gate to see Maulana Azad. The Maulana who came out punctually at 4-30 p.m. was cheered and garlanded by the people waiting at the jail gates.

The Maulana was received at the gate by Mr. R. S. Pandit, Dr. K. N. Katju, Hafiz Muhammad Ibrahim, both ex-Ministers, U.P., Mr. S. N. Katju, Sardar Narmada Prasad Singh, Mr. Radhey Shyam Pathak, Mr. Mohammad Yunus from the Frontier Province and a number of Congress workers and Press representatives.

The Maulana drove to Anand Bhavan with Mr. R. S. Pandit.

At Indira's Birthday Party

The Maulana looked well as he came out of the gate and bowed courteously to the greetings of the people present to receive him. He reached Anand Bhawan just in time to be present at a tea party given by Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Pandit to celebrate Miss Indira Nehru's birthday. There was a large gathering and the Maulana was cordially greeted as he mixed with the crowd.

ANAND BHAWAN JUBILANT

Anand Bhawan was expectantly waiting for the arrival of Maulana Azad ever since the news was read in the papers this morning about his expected release and the expectancy rose to a high pitch when the news of the release of Pandit Nehru at noon to-day reached Anand Bhawan. There were anxious telephone calls about the actual arrival of the orders for the release of the Maulana. The orders it appears were received at 2-30 p.m.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad is leaving for Calcutta by Mail this evening at 7-40 p.m.—A. P.

President's Bundle Of Books

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, December 4.

At 4-30 p.m. Congress President's luggage was brought at the jail gate. A bundle of books showed that the Congress President had done a lot reading in jail. Some of the books found at the top bundles indicated that the Congress President was deeply religious-minded. One of the books which was found at the top was "essential unity of all religions" by Dr. Bhagwandas. Another was a translation of the Koran and a third "Jew and Greek tutors unto Christ".

All eyes were rivetted on the President as he walked majestically out of the inner gates of the jail. He was garlanded by Mr. R. S. Pandit and others, but he solemnly remarked "the time for joy had not yet come" and took out the garlands from his neck.

Azad Leaves For Calcutta

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 4.

Maulana Azad stayed barely two hours at Anand Bhawan before leaving for Calcutta, and there was a constant stream of visitors. Though the Maulana had been keeping good health of late, he looked thoughtful and stern. He carried on conversation for some time with Mr. and Mrs. Pandit and Dr. K. N. Katju.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad left for Calcutta to-night by the Bombay Mail and will be reaching there to-morrow morning.

He was seen off at the station by Mr. R. S. Pandit Dr. K. N. Katju, Hafiz Muhammad Ibrahim and other Congressmen.—A. P.

Nothing Jubilant About It

LUCKNOW, Dec. 4.

"There is nothing to be jubilant about, but we are all glad that Pandit Nehru and other Congress leaders will be in our midst", said Mr. Mohanlal Saxena, Acting President of the United Provinces Provincial Congress Committee.

"I think there is bound to be a meeting of the Congress Working Committee and the A. I. C. C., to take stock of the situation, but there is nothing to warrant any change in the Congress policy. I cannot understand how in the face of Mahatma Gandhi's statement the release can be taken as a gesture.—A. P.

JAWAHAR RELEASED

The U. P. Government's orders for release of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was this morning communicated to the Pandit, who is now packing up before leaving the jail.

Mr. Hifazat Hussain, Superintendent, Dehra Dun, arrived at the jail exactly at 11 a. m., entered the ward occupied by the Pandit, and communicated the orders to him.

All expectant crowd gathered outside the jail gate, waiting to receive Jawahar.

Pandit Jawaharlal left the jail precincts at 12 noon.

He is leaving to-night for Lucknow.

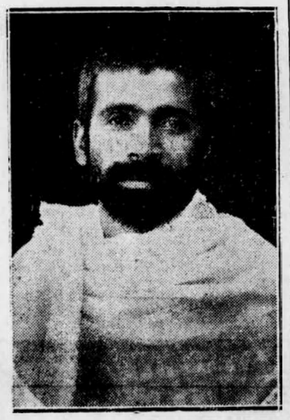
No Releases In Calcutta

Two A. I. C. C. Members Still In Jail

CALCUTTA, Dec. 4.

There was no release of Satyagrahi prisoners in Bengal today in pursuance of the announcement of the Government of India.

The number of such prisoners in the province is about twelve including two members of the A.I.C.C. namely, Mr. Surendra Mohan Ghosh, President of the Provincial Congress Committee and Mr. Charu Chandra Bhandari. Mr. Ghosh, in the ordinary course, is expected to be released on December 9.—A. P.



Mr. Shankerrao Deo.

Jawahar To Attend Congress Meeting

LUCKNOW, Dec. 4.

The Government of India's decision to release Satyagrahis and Pandit Nehru and Maulana Azad is generally welcomed here. Liberals attribute, it to the efforts to the Indian Members of the Viceroy's Council and the deliberations of the Non-Party Leaders' Conference. Congressmen do not see any gesture in it.

Special significance is attached to the meetings of the members of the Executive of the U. P. Provincial Congress Committee and certain other Congress leaders to be held on the morning of December 6 and the meeting of the Congress Legislative Party the same afternoon, both of which are expected to be attended by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.—A. P.

Mr. Biswanath Das, ex-Premier of Orissa, and Leader of the Orissa Congress Assembly Party was released from the Cuttack Jail this morning after the expiry of his term of one year's simple imprisonment.

Mr. Das was profusely garlanded at the jail gate.

Mr. Das is addressing a public meeting this evening organised to welcome him and Mr. Harekrishna Mohtab.

Dr. Gilder.

Patwardhan And Antrolikar Not Released

(From Our Correspondent.)
(By Telephone.)

POONA, Thursday.

85 Satyagraha prisoners, including Shankerrao Deo, member of the Congress Working Committee, Dr. Gilder, Ex-Minister, Bombay, Mr. M. Y. Nurie, Ex-Minister, Mr. N. V. Gadgil were released from the Yeravda Jail, this noon.

The batch includes 17 women Satyagrahis.

Dr. Gilder and Mr. M. Y. Nurie were released from the Yeravda Jail at 1 p.m.

Among the 85 political prisoners released to-day, two belong to "A" class, 35 to "B" class, 31 to "C" class 17 being women.

Mr. Achhyut Patwardhan and Dr. K. B. Antroliker have not yet been released.

VISIT TO CONGRESS BHUVAN.

Long before the release of the Satyagrahi prisoners, a large crowd had collected in front of the Yerawada Jail Mr. D. K. Gosavi, President of the M.P.C.C. Mr. G. A. Deshpande, Secretary of the M.P.C.C. Dr. Lagu and other prominent Congressmen received the released persons and garlanded them. All the released persons were then conducted to the Congress Bhuvan. In the evening some left for Bombay and Ahmednagar and the remaining persons will be leaving to-night to their respective destinations.—A.P.

Mr. N. V. Gadgil.

Assam Awaits Orders

No Communication Yet From Central Govt.

SHILLONG, Dec. 4.

In the Assam Assembly this afternaan, replying to a query made by Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, ex-Premier, with reference to the Government of India communique ordering the release of certain categories of political prisoners, the Premier Sir M. Saadulla said that the Government of Assam, upto 11-30 a.m. to-day, had not received any intimation from the Central Government to that effect. He assured the House that as soon as the decision of the Central Government was received, they would carry it out.—A. P.

Mr. M. Y. Nurie.

VIDYAGOURI & PREMA KANTAK RELEASED

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, Dec. 4.

Mrs. Vidyagouri Kanuga, M.L.A., (Bombay) and Miss Prema Kantak are prominent among female Satyagrahis released to-day

GADGIL & DEO

POONA, Dec. 4.

Seventeen women Satyagrahis including Miss Prema Kantak have already been released. Amongst others so far released are: Mr. N. V. Gadgil, ex-M.L.A., and ex-President of the M.P.C.C., and Mr. Shanker Rao Deo, mem-

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RELEASE OF PRISONERS

Half-Hearted And Halting Gesture

Plea For Declaration To Grant Dominion Status Within Fixed Period After War

RECEPTION TO RELEASED PRISONERS FROM THANA, NASIK AND POONA

While the gesture of the Government in deciding to release the Satyagrahi prisoners is regarded as inadequate in political circles in the city, it is hoped that it will be the first step leading to a declaration on the part of His Majesty's Government to grant Dominion Status to India within a fixed period after the termination of the war.

ALL EYES ON BARDOLI

Meanwhile, it is understood that a meeting of the Congress Working Committee is likely to be held at Bardoli and is likely to be followed by a meeting of the All-India Congress Committee in Bombay.

HALTING AND HALF-HEARTED

Mr. N. M. Joshi who sponsored the resolution on the release of all political prisoners, at the last session of the Central Assembly, characterised this decision "as halting and half-hearted.

Mercantile opinion tended to regard the gesture of Government as incomplte, although the decision is welcomed as good news.

First Instalment

Mr. N. M. Joshi in the course of an interview said:—"The decision of the Government to release only the Satyagraha prisoners is halting and half-hearted.

It is even irrational in as much as preference is shown to those who have committed a technical offence over those who have not been proved to have committed any offence at all.

However, I welcome the decision as the first instalment in the hope that the next and the final settlement will follow without delay."

Businessmen's Plea For Dominion Status

Mr. M. C. Ghia, president of the Indian Merchants' Chamber in an interview said:—"It is very good news that the Government of India have released the political prisoners. According to the Press Note, such prisoners are those Civil Disobedience prisoners whose offences have been formal or symbolic in character. It would have created a greater satisfaction and achieved the objective which Government have in view, namely the creating of a favourable atmosphere in the country, if all the political prisoners had been released.

"I referred to this in my speech at the last quarterly general meeting of the Chamber and urged the release of all political prisoners to enable the leaders to confer and arrive at decisions which would be in the best interests of the country. Now that such release has taken place I hope that the political leaders will confer and arrive at decisions with regard to the future policy to be pursued.

"I reiterate my observations at the last quarterly general meeting that our representatives in the Central Legislature should take their seats there and popular Governments, representing all communities, should be established in all the Provinces. At the same time His Majesty's Government will see the necessity of an immediate announcement regarding the policy of granting Dominion Status within a definite period after the termination of the war. This is a valuable opportunity and I hope that it will not be allowed to lapse. The war may be coming nearer India, and it is essential that in the interests both of England and India the deadlock should be resolved."

DOMINION STATUS WITHIN FIXED TIME

Announcement Needed, Says J. C. Setalvad

Mr. J. C. Setalvad, Vice-President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber in an interview said:—"In my personal opinion, unless the release of the political prisoners is followed by an immediate announcement that it is the intention of His Majesty's Government to grant Dominion Status to India on the Westminster basis within a fixed period after the war, it will not create any enthusiasm in the country and will not achieve the object which the Government has in view that India should make a united war effort to meet the international situation."

IT IS FOR MAHATMA TO DECIDE

To a representative of the "Chronicle" Mr. Nagindas T. Master said:—"What effect, if any at all, these releases will have on the present Satyagraha, it is for Mahatma Gandhi to decide. The country should await his decision Until then the present Satyagrah must continue."

RECEPTION TO RELEASED SATYAGRAHIS

Scenes of happy reunion were witnessed when batches of released Satyagrahi prisoners arrived in Bombay from Thana, Poona and Nasik on Thursday evening.

One of the earliest to come under the benefit of the amnesty was Mr. I. S. Patel. As Mr. I. S. Patel had been transferred to the Arthur Road jail in the city, he was told of the amnesty early on Thursday morning and was set free.

ARRIVALS FROM THANA.

Satyagrahis confined in the Thana jail were told that they would be set free by 10-30 a.m and by 3 p.m. they were all out of the jail. 40 out of the 42 Bombay Satyagrahis who had been detained at Thana arrived by a local train at Victoria Terminus by 6-30 p.m. They all looked quite lively and happy and several of them have grown respectable beards.

Mr. Dhirubhai Desai and Mr. Abidally Jafferbhai greeted them on behalf of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee and there was a kind of impromptu reunion meeting at the foot of the imposing statue of Sir Phirozeshah Mehta in front of the Cor-

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Charlie Chan Detective Story Day By Day:

CHARLIE CHAN — FIRST DEGREE HIT AND RUN — By ALFRED ANDRIOLA

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Alfred Andriola
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